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#### **Board** choice

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointment of Cory Chavis of Canton to the Michigan Community Corrections Board. The 13-member board implements community corrections programs and establishes offender eligibility criteria.

Chavis is founder and senior pastor of Victory Community Church campuses in Detroit and Westland. He also serves as a long-term substitute teacher for Wayne-Westland Community Schools district, board member for the city of Detroit's Youth Violence Prevention Task Force, lead clergy member for Youth Voice and chaplain for the Detroit Police Department.

#### Annual prom dress sale

The second annual Prom Dress Sale features long and short formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. Any items to be donated can be dropped off in the general office at Plymouth High School. Last year, more than 100 girls went home with a dress.

The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road in Canton.

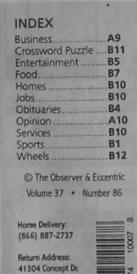
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#### Cruise raffle

Tickets are on sale for the third annual Michigan Philharmonic Cruise Raffle, and only 300 tickets will be sold.

This year's prize is a 12-day Wine Cruise to England, Spain, Portugal and France from Sept. 18 to Oct. 1. The raffle includes the round-trip cruise for two plus round-trip airfare for two. Tickets are \$50.

Drawing takes place at 5 p.m. June 29. For information, please call (734) 451-2112 or visit www. michiganphil.org.



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Canton authors Mary Rodrique and Ken Voyles, sitting in an elegant lobby of The Detroit Athletic Club, have written a book that lovingly chronicles one of Detroit's premier landmarks. It is titled 'The Enduring Legacy of The Detroit Athletic Club: Driving the Motor City.'

## 'A cruise ship on land'

Canton authors pen Detroit Athletic Club's 125-year history

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

It's a lavish Detroit landmark where automotive pioneers, U.S. presidents, kings and queens, movie stars, sports greats and industrial titans have

Proudly rising six elegant stories at 241 Madison, it has survived economic blows such as the Great Depression, snubs against women and African Americans, a city's downwardly spiraling population and a shifting landscape that left once-great icons, such as the J.L. Hudson building and the old Michigan Central train station, destroyed or

Now, Canton authors Ken Voyles and Mary Rodrique have penned a 160-page book, The Enduring Legacy of The Detroit Athletic Club: Driving the Motor City, that chronicles a world-class gem whose 125-year history has made it a strong force in civic, business, cultural and athletic leadership:

voyles is editor and publisher of the DAC News, the club's monthly magazine, and Rodrique is a club staff writer. Published by the History Press, their book retails for \$19.99 and is available at Barnes & Noble and from online sources such as amazon.com.

"I think we're telling the story of a

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## School board OKs academies

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Students entering the ninth grade will have more options than their predecessors when school opens for the 2012-13 school year in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The district's Board of Education approved Tuesday the start of three new academies at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, starting in September. The votes came during a special meeting at Discovery Middle School that drew a smattering of residents and a number of teachers.

With matching 5-2 votes (trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath cast the nay votes in both instances), the board approved the district's participation in an International Academy, which will eventually provide the district with an International Baccalaureate facility, and the creation of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering

and Math) Academy.
In a third vote, the board approved the creation of a fine and performing arts academy, also to start the 2012-13

school year.
Trustees John Barrett,
Sheila Paton, Adrienne
Davis and Barry Simescu supported the fine arts
academy, while Trustee
Judy Mardigian joined
Horvath and Maloney in
voting against it.

The International Academy is expected to cost the district some \$111,000 the first year, while the STEM academy carries a \$202,000 startup cost and the arts academy brings a \$60,000 bill for the first year.

All three academies will be funded out of the district's Durant lawsuit

#### New offerings

Simescu supported all three academies, pointing out it's been a while since the board has been able to do such a thing.

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#### Job well done



ROSE TODE

Lightning 862's drive team gets Eddie off the court following a match at the state FIRST robotics competition last weekend at Eastern Michigan University. Plymouth-Canton's team lost to the eventual state champion in the quarterfinals. For the story and more photos, please see page A8.

#### Police warn parents after stranger approaches boy

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A 13-year-old boy riding his bicycle along a residential street northeast of Hanford and Warren was approached by a stranger who drove by in a car and told the teen he had dropped some money, Canton police said.

Local authorities have issued an alert hoping residents will be on the lookout and report any suspicious incidents to police by calling (734) 394-5400.

Police investigated reports the boy was approached by a stranger driving a silver Ford Focus while the teen was riding his bike along the sidewalk of westbound Fox Woods near Norwood around 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12.

The teen told police the driver stopped in the street, partially rolled down his window, which was lightly tinted, and told the boy he had dropped some money, but the youngster rejected the stranger's claims, according to police.

The driver then tried to hand the boy \$3 and indicated he had seen the money fall out of the teen's pocket, police said. The youngster again rejected the man's statements and advised him to keep the money.

The teen then rode off on his bike, and police indicated the driver continued westbound on Fox Woods before turning southbound on Norwood toward Discovery Middle School.

Frank Ruggirello, the Plymouth-Canton school district's director of communications, said Monday morning there appar-

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great Detroit institution many people don't know about," Voyles said.

#### **Finest things**

The first DAC was unveiled in 1887 near The Whitney, a fine-dining landmark on Woodward Avenue, but the opulent clubhouse on Madison, built with the finest materials, celebrated its opening in April 1915 - a project spurred by a group led by auto advertising mogul Charlie Hughes.

The Enduring Legacy of The Detroit Athletic Club traces the private club's history as a place where amateur athletics once ruled and catapulted some players and teams to compete as world champions and Olympic contenders.

"It's a positive Detroit story," Rodrique said.

The DAC still boasts top-tier facilities for racquetball, bowling, swimming, basketball, squash, handball and fitness areas, among other amenities. It once was home to players and teams who sharpened their skills in sports such as cricket and track and field.

Moreover, early club members became involved as entrepreneurs who spearheaded the auto industry and THE DETROITst

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authors, a new book titled The Enduring Legacy of The **Detroit Athletic Club: Driving** the Motor City' tells the story of how a Detroit landmark rose to national prominence and has survived even the worst of times.

made Detroit a worldclass city.

Designed by architect Albert Kahn, the DAC only began accepting African Americans in the late 1970s, and though women could join long before that, they didn't become voting members until the mid-1980s.

**Changing times** 

As it adapted to changing times, the club's interior remained steadfast. defined by three exquisite restaurants, museum-worthy artwork, swanky hotel rooms, a top-notch library, a spa center, wide-ranging athletic facilities and vast rooms where mayors,

governors, business magnates and civic leaders still congregate to chart the future.

It's almost a self-contained world - a Detroit treasure that has drawn visitors from countries as disparate as Russia and Ireland, a place that inspires interest from far away just as surely as it draws its members from Oakland County, the Grosse Pointes and western Wayne County.

"Some members have described it as a cruise ship on land," Voyles said.

Widespread interest in Detroit and, specifically, the DAC is why Voyles and Rodrique wrote their book.

"We hear from people around the world who want to know more about the DAC," Voyles said.

The writing team researched club archives and Detroit's public library shelves. They gathered information from longtime members from California to New York who have kept scrapbooks of their DAC days.

The DAC had a couple of thousand members when it opened on Madison — a number that peaked at 4,200 people by the year 2000, around the time the club was undergoing a \$40 million restoration. Its ranks now hover around 3,500 members who celebrate in style when the facility hosts some 80 major

events each year, some centered on holidays.

Age range

Members range in age from 21 into their 90s, and Voyles said the median age is 51. Moreover, those seeking to join have to meet certain criteria, such as having letters of recommendation from six DAC members and appearing before the board of directors. Why?

"It's one of the best clubs in the world," Voyles said, and it compares to exclusive U.S. clubs in New York and Chicago.

What a DAC member pays depends on the type of membership, but Voyles acknowledged that "it's \$400 just to walk in the door."

Despite changes over the years, Voyles and Rodrique concede some people still perceive the 250-employee DAC as a men's-only club.

"We certainly want to dispel that perception,' Voyles said.

Rodrique agreed, saying her motivation for the book reflected a desire to shift public perception and honor a Detroit landmark

"I've always wanted to be able to share some of the great Detroit stories with a wider audience," she said.

For more information on the DAC, go to www. thedac.com.

#### AROUND CANTON



#### Wish you were here

Oh well, the Bulmer family tried. After finding out the Detroit Tigers' final spring training game was sold out, the family opted for a city at the city limit sign in Dunedin, Fla. They wanted to pose with their trusty Canton Observer, but left it in their hotel room. The Canton family settled for a shot with a copy of the Tampa Bay Times.

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

#### **ORAL CANCER SCREENING**

Date/Time: Thursday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: Robison Dental Group, 8504 N. Canton Center in

Canton.

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#### TIMEBANK ROUNDUP

Date/Time: April 25, 7 p.m.

Location: Basement at Canton Township Hall

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## 'Successful' health fair dodges raindrops

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Morning rains Sunday couldn't douse the determination and enthusiasm of nearly 300 people who attended the first phase of a free health fair hosted for a 10th year by The Hindu Temple of Canton.

"It was very successful," said Jatin Desai, a Hindu Temple board trustee and health fair chairman.

A crowd turned out for the four-hour event to receive diagnostic blood tests for everything from diabetes to cholesterol to prostate cancer screening.

Health fair visitors are urged to return 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22, to get their results from a wide range of physicians and to receive tips on issues such as proper diet and healthier living.

Return visitors don't need to register for the consultations, Desai said, but they are encouraged to bring any medical records and prescription medications they take.

The Hindu Temple hosted the free health fair amid support from Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI.

Sunday's event marked the 10th year The Hin-du Temple has reached out to the larger community to offer free health screening for people such as those lack adequate health insurance.

However, Desai said another component of the health fair is an effort to provide education to area residents "to improve



Crowds line up Sunday for free health screenings at The Hindu Temple of Canton, which was sponsoring its 10th free health fair for area residents.



Helping during The Hindu Temple of Canton's free community health fair are (from left) Dr. Piyush Desai, a health fair physician volunteer from the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (MAPI); Jatin Desai, a temple board trustee and health fair chairman; and Dr. Kirit Shah, MAPI president.

their quality of life and physical well-being."

The health fair linked visitors to primary care physicians and specialists such as cardiologists, urologists, obstetricians, gynecologists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists and dentists, among others.

The Hindu Temple health fair comes amid a growing effort by Canton faith-based organizations to offer free health-screening events. Those organizations have sought to spread the word along with people such as Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj, who mentioned two free health fairs last week during a township board meeting.

Taj mentioned The Hindu Temple fair and another that occurs 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon. It is hosted by the Interfaith Community Outreach, which includes groups such as Christ the Good Shepherd Church, Geneva Presbyterian, Hindu Balagokulam, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, the Singh Sabha (Sikh) Gurdwara of Michigan, St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Oakwood Hospital and the Canton Community Foundation.

Anyone who plans to attend is urged to sign up by sending an e-mail to plymouthcantonico@ yahoo.com. Those seeking blood screenings should try to fast for 12 hours.

### Library hosts vampire author

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton will be shrouded in tales of vampires and Gothic romance as internationally known author Colleen Gleason brings her talents to the Canton Public Library, where she plans to discuss her books and her writing process.

Gleason visits the library, 1200 S. Canton Center, at 7 p.m. April 26. Seating is limited, so patrons are urged to register at www.cantonpl.org.

Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said Gleason's books include the popular Gardella Vampire Chronicles and the Regency Draculia Series that starts with The Vampire Voss.

"She is from Michigan, and we are very excited to get her here," Golden said.

Gleason also has penned a short story, Northanger Castle, for the anthology Bespelling Jane Austen.

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under her own name, Gleason writes a postapocalyptic romance series under the pseudonym of Joss

Ware. According to her website, www.colleengleason.com, Gleason says she can't remember a time when she wasn't writing stories. She mentions the sixth-grade version of a Gilligan's Island story starring Gleason and her classmates and a story of she and her high school friends meeting their favorite rock band and the adventures that followed.

Gleason's first real attempt at writing a full-length novel came while she was in college, when she admits on her website "I should have been studying.'

For more information about Gleason's visit to Canton, go to www.cantonpl.org. For more about Gleason, go to www.colleengleason.com.

#### Social media focus of luncheon

Using social media tools such as Facebook and Twitter to help nonprofit organizations will be the topic of the next "Lunch and Learn" session sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation.

The session occurs 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the foundation's offices in the Canton Human Services building, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, off Ridge Road

north of Cherry Hill. Marybeth Levine, founder of the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, will discuss how she uses social media tools for her volunteer organization. She collects diapers that are distributed to social

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Bomb tech called after shell found at Plymouth apartments

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Several apartments were briefly evacuated and a technician from the Michigan State Police bomb squad was called in Monday after a custodian at a Plymouth apartment complex found an artillery shell near a pair of Dumpsters.

The shell was at the Mayflower Townhouses, on Plymouth Road east of Mill Street, said Police Chief Al Cox.

It turned out to be a "proof" or dummy round used to train military gunners on loading artillery pieces, Cox said.

The technician from the MSP's Northville Township bomb squad office said it was not explosive and took the shell. "He said it was safe. He said it was fine," Cox said.

But to the untrained eye the shell looked like a newer, unused artillery round, the chief said. It was about two-and-a-half feet high and six or seven inches in diameter, he said.

"I certainly looked like something that would be used today," Cox said. "In this day and age, we don't take chances.'

The custodian reported finding the shell in the complex's lower parking

lot at about 2:30 p.m., Cox said. The man had been by the Dumpsters Monday morning and hadn't seen the shell, and was unlikely to have missed it, so it was probably set there after that, he said.

Police cordoned off the area, including the entrance to the parking lot, and evacuated fewer than 10 people from apartments nearest the shell for about a half hour, the chief said. Plymouth Road was not closed.

Cox said police have no leads on who might have set the shell there, and that unless a witness had been looking at the Dumpsters at the time

the shell was set out, it isn't likely that anyone spotted the person who dumped the shell.

Once there, however, the shell was hard for anyone passing by on the property to miss. Cox said. "It was very large and it was very obvious

what it was," he said. Cox said the person who set the shell out could be charged with illegal dumping, but would be unlikely to be charged with unlawfully disposing of a dangerous item.

"You would have to prove that someone had the intent to put people in fear or to terrorize people," he said.



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A Michigan State Police Bomb Squad officer approaches

#### CRIME WATCH

Intruder alert A 38-year-old woman who lives in the 1900 block of Brookfield, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon, told police she awoke around 8 a.m. Monday and heard a noise in the first-floor bathroom of her resi-

dence. The woman reported that she and her 7-year-old daughter had fallen asleep in a first-floor living room, and she was awakened after she heard the intruders.

The woman told police she saw two silhouettes inside the house. She said she pulled the covers up to conceal her and her daughter, hiding for a half-hour.

The woman reported that after she thought the intruders were gone, she got up. She said she noticed the front door had been opened and that \$100 was taken from her

#### **Home invasion**

A Canton couple notified police about a home invasion that occurred Monday prior to 8 p.m. in the 6600 block of Lambeth Way, southeast of Beck and Warren.

The couple, in their 60s, found that the door to their home had been damaged and that the two-story house had been ran-

The couple reported several electronic and jewelry items had been taken during the break-

#### **Business break-in**

A man arriving at the Koko FitClub on Ford Road west of Lilley shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday found that the door was open and the glass had been broken, according to a police report.

Police arrived and found a chunk of asphalt apparently had been used to break into the busi-

A flat-screen plasma television had been taken. Police were continuing to investigate the incident.

#### Apartment theft

A man who lives in the 8550 area of Honeycomb in the Canton Crossings apartment complex southeast of I-275 and Joy Road notified police after someone had kicked in his front door, which had been

secured with a deadbolt. The incident happened 6-7 p.m. last Friday. The man told police he was missing an Xbox, video games and movie DVDs.

The man told police his apartment also was broken into a month ago. At that time, he said he found a knife, and he turned it over to police.

#### Disorderly conduct

A 27-year-old Canton man was arrested for being disorderly at Canton Center and Brunswick, north of Warren, about 3:50 a.m. Monday, a police report said.

Police went to the area

after receiving a call from a man who was high intoxicated. He told police he had been to a Livonia bar.

Officers told him to walk home and he refused. They tried to escort him to his street, Brunswick, but he became agitated and combative, according to a police report.

The man fell to his knees in the street and told officers to just arrest him. He continued to refuse police orders, so he was taken into custody for being a disorderly person.

#### Harassment complaint

A woman who lives in the 8300 area of Brooke Park Drive, in the Stonybrooke apartment complex southwest of I-275 and Joy Road, called police to report she was being harassed by a former boyfriend who

already was on parole amid allegations he tried to stab her, a police report said.

The woman notified police about 2:15 a.m. last Friday to report the exboyfriend had been calling her repeatedly after learning she had gone to a bar with one of her friends.

She told police the pair had an abusive relationship over the years. She said he already was on parole for trying to stab her, breaking into her residence, stealing her car and the leading Livonia police on a pursuit.

She said the former boyfriend isn't supposed to have contact with her or her mother. Police advised the man he would be charged unless he ceased contact with the women.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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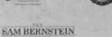
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"I've been here 81/2 years, and I haven't had much chance to move on new things," Simescu said. "I believe the STEM academy is critical. A lot of students will gain a lot

of experience.' Indeed, the STEM academy drew the night's longest conversation, with several teachers and a couple of parents speaking in favor of it. Al Tessmer, field certification coordinator for Project Lead the Way Michigan, on which Plymouth-Canton's STEM Academy will be based, said the educators need to treat 21st century students differently.

"We need to treat the millennium generation of the world different than they treated my generation," said Tessmer, who said he's had a 50-year career in education. "This program does that. It's a startling world, and we need a new way to get that across to our students."

Project Lead the Way, which Tessmer said is being taught by 17,000 teachers to some 500,000 students across the country, has a few basic courses - including introduction to engineering and design, principles of engineering and engineering design and development supplemented by courses district officials will add.

Similar curriculum is available already to some middle school students, with courses at West Middle School and Discovery Middle School, and coming to Central Middle School.

The classes are among the most popular at West Middle School, according to West teacher Mark Trzeciak.

"It's an environment where kids are allowed to have fun while they're learning, and to be creative," Trzeciak said. "Every one of these kids, no matter what level, will be able to answer whatever questions you throw at them."

It was the availability of such curriculum at only three of the district's five middle schools that led Horvath to vote against the academy.

"I can't support (some) kids missing what everyone agrees is a great experience," Horvath said. "I want to see it at all the middle schools. I think we ought to offer it to all kids and not just some."

#### International appeal

Administrators hope to attract at least 75 students to the International Academy. Officials are hoping to make up for the loss of students - more than 40 this year - to other international programs in Troy and Washtenaw County.

Director of Innovative Programs Tim Schoenherr submitted an application earlier this month to the International Baccalaureate to become an IB school, a two-year process that will include a site visit early in the second year of the application process.

John Stoddard of Plym-

outh Township, who has three children (first-, eighth- and 11th-graders) in the district, applauded the district's consideration of the international program.

'We're considering sending our eighth-grader to (Washtenaw), but we would strongly consider keeping her here if you approve this," Stoddard told board members Tuesday. "I think this is a chance for Plymouth-Canton to catch up to districts like Livonia and Walled Lake. Don't blow this chance."

Mardigian, the board's longest-serving member, said she's nervous because not all of her budget questions have been answered. Still, she said, the International Academy is something she believes the district should do.

'Change is hard, but I really think we need to turn a page here and offer more," Mardigian said. "If it's not a perfect plan, we're going to have to make it successful. It's a hard decision and there are uncertainties, to be sure, but I think we have to start this."

As he did with the \$202,000 cost of the STEM academy, Maloney argued the \$111,000 startup cost for the International Academy was too much for a district with continuing budget problems.

"I think we're putting the cart before the horse," Maloney said. "I see a tremendous amount of money being spent. We ought to be talking about how what money we have is going to get us where we need to go."

## Cancer fundraiser nears increased goal

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Abby Stonerook of Plymouth figures to be in tears some time shortly after noon April 29, along about the time an unknown barber takes a razor to Stonerook's mane of blond hair.

But at least it'll be for a good cause.

Stonerook, a 27-yearold freelance copywriter and social media marketing strategist, will be among some two-dozen shavees getting their heads shaved for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to benefit children's cancer research at Claddagh Irish Grill in Livonia.

The annual fundraiser is being organized by Plymouth Township deputy clerk Eric Bacynski, with whom Stonerook actually went to elementary school at Bird Elementary in Plymouth. Abby followed brother, Nick, also scheduled to be a shavee, in supporting the project.

Nick, 30, had met Bacyinski through a variety of chamber functions and agreed to have his head shaved. Almost as a dare, Abby joked that maybe she should. Bacyinski asked what it would take.

"I told him if I could get \$2,500 in verbal commitments, I'd do it," Abby said. "That happened in

about 30 hours. Abby is already past the \$5,000 fundraising mark, and brother Nick is very close to his \$750 goal, as well. That kind of fundraising has helped push the event itself past the \$13,000 level, on the way to its \$15,000 goal. That goal was raised when the



Siblings Nick and Abby Stonerook of Plymouth have committed to having their heads shaved for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for children's cancer research.

event passed its original \$10,000 goal early on.

While Abby sort of jumped in — "I often make decisions that are a little startling, so this wasn't that far out of the box," she said - Nick's participation was more measured. He did a little homework before offering his hair.

I looked into it, and (St. Baldrick's) is like the second leading cancer research foundation, only to the U.S. government," Nick said. "For the most part, I've lived a healthy life, but children get cancer all the time. This is a great symbolic gesture."

The Stonerooks have lost grandparents to cancer, but neither knows any children afflicted with the disease.

That doesn't matter when it comes to supporting the cause.

'Too often we don't act until we're directly affected by something," Abby said. "I keep getting asked, 'Do you know any kids with cancer? and my

#### HELP THE EDITOR!

What: St. Baldrick's

Foundation Fundraiser When: Sunday, April 29, noon to 4 p.m. Where: Claddagh Irish Grill 17800 Haggerty Rd. Livonia, MI Why: Observer Editor Brad Kadrich will buzz off his hair to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer research. All proceeds from the event will go to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds childhood cancer research. How to help: Cash donations are welcome, but it's easier to go to http://www.stbaldricks. org/participants/ mypage/563208/2012

response is, "Everyone is someone's child."

Bacynski said companies are stepping up for the fundraiser. Both the Detroit Lions and Red Wings are donating autographed items for the raffle, Ford Motor Co. donated a gift basket and Best Buy is providing a gift card.

Locally, the Plymouth Whalers allowed Bacyinski to run the 50/50 raffle and "Chuck-A-Puck" sales during a recent playoff game and are donating a gift basket to the raffle and \$100 cash.

Plymouth resident and business owner David Keefe is donating the services of his photo-booth company for the day of the event, and the host venue, Claddagh Irish Pub, will be donating 8 percent of food sales that day toward the fundraising goal.

#### **STRANGER**

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ently had been no similar incidents outside Discovery or any other schools.

Ruggirello said the district was making the district's principals aware of the Canton police report.

"We always have to take these things very seriously," he said. The teen described the

driver a white male, 35-40 years old with no facial hair. He wore sunglasses and a blue baseball hat, and it appeared he was alone in the car, according to police.

The teen said the

stranger drove a silver Ford Focus, and he told police "the wheels were very shiny, possibly chrome rims with a lot of spokes," according to a police statement.

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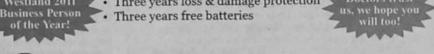


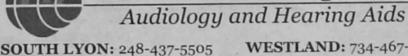
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### Plan ahead for retirement

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist** 

A couple (new clients) come into the office last week and I thought it wold be beneficial to explain what I recommended.

They both plan to retire in a few months and they need assistance with their investments. He is 67 and she is 66. Currently, their total portfolio



Rick Bloom

is approximately \$550,000. Of that, \$100,000 is in a fixed annuity, \$150,000 is split between 401(k)s and IRAs and the remaining amount is in a joint account.

They have approximately \$125,000 left on their mortgage, which is at 6 percent, and they are paying \$1,500 a month. In order to maintain their current lifestyle, their current income needs are between \$5,000-\$5,500 a month. They do not have pensions. If they currently collected Social Security, it would be approximately \$3,500 (total for both) a month.

The first thing I considered was where their monthly income needs would come from. I determined it was best for them to collect Social Security now. Even though their benefits would rise if they delayed Social Security, I believe in giving someone as much flexibility as possible. If I had them draw down in their portfolio to currently cover their income needs, they would lose some flexibility.

Since Social Security would not cover all of their income needs, I recommended they use part of the money in their joint

account to pay off their mortgage. By doing so, they are receiving a guaranteed 6 percent return on their money. And 6 percent is a decent rate of return. They are conservatively moderate investors and if you look at what banks are currently paying, 6 percent is a pretty good return.

#### Income needs

Between Social Security and paying off their mortgage, a great majority of their income needs are covered. However, they may still be a little short. Therefore, to generate additional income, I recommend that they withdraw any excess needs from the annuity. The annuity is only paying 2.5 percent and is their least productive asset. Although it is not a very good annuity, the problem is the penalties are too high to cancel. Therefore, I recommend they take distributions from the annuity on a year-by-year basis to cover their income needs. Like most fixed annuities, they can take out 10 percent a year without penalty.

Between all three -Social Security, paying off the mortgage and the annuity - their income needs are now covered. However, one thing I know is that in retirement, costs do not go down, they rise. Therefore, with the remaining money, I want to make sure that their future needs would be covered. Because they are conservatively moderate investors, I recommend that they allocate the portfolio approximately 55-60 percent in a variety of stock-based, commissionfree mutual funds with the remaining portion in a variety of commissionfree bond mutual funds. My strategy is to let the portfolio continue to reinvest and grow until they

need additional money. With regards to the 401(k) plan, I recommend that they directly transfer that into an IRA. The IRA will give them greater flexibility in investment options.

On the whole, they will have enough money to cover their living expenses today, while maintaining a rising income into the future. I believe the cost of living will never go down but it will continue to rise. In order to have a comfortable retirement, you have to plan to have a rising income.

In establishing this portfolio, I considered that they can live 30 years into retirement. In addition, one thing I always believe is that when one person passes on, the other one cannot live on half the income. I also factored into the equation that if there's only one spouse remaining, and they need some sort of assistance, that will take additional resources. That is why I always recommend a growth element in a portfolio.

When people get ready for retirement, they have to plan that they're going to live many years. They must have a strategy that meets their needs. People who don't plan long term will find that they're not living the American Dream but rather the American nightmare. I can't think of anything worse than to be old and

Before you retire, make sure that you have a game plan that allows you to live the American Dream. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@ hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



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## U.S. Chamber, CHLI honor McCotter

LOCAL NEWS

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, D-Livonia, has been honored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute.

McCotter was recognized by the Chamber for working hard to reduce taxes and regulations, expand trade, and otherwise create a more positive business environment, while the Leadership Institute presented it with its 2012 Leadership in Pub-



McCotter

lic Service Award. "While many in Congress were busy playing politics,

Representa-

tive McCotter was working to protect and advance the interests of America's job creators," Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO. said. "America's beacon of

light shines brighter today because of Representative McCotter and his efforts."

Eligibility for the award is based on how members of Congress vote on key business issues. These designated "key votes" are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at

least 70 percent of those votes receive the award. McCotter scored a 94 percent.

"I thank the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for this recognition; and, most importantly, for all of their efforts to expand the entrepreneurial opportunities and economic prosperity of all Americans," said McCotter.

McCotter will receive his public service award at CHLI's annual gala on May 7

CHLI is "privileged to honor a public servant of truly extraordinary talent and patriotism, Congressman Thad McCotter of Michigan, with our 2012 Leadership in Public Service Award", said Lincoln Díaz-Balart, CHLI Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

"I am humbled by this recognition from the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute, a powerful, indispensable moral and political force for human dignity and economic prosperity, McCotter said.

The CHL (pronounced "chili") is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, based in Washington, D.C., that advances the diversity of thought in U.S. Hispanic community in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, as well as in the international com-





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## Robotics team falls to state champ in quarters

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Game pieces. otherwise known as basketballs, are stacked pyramid style during the competition.

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Not many teams gave eventual winner International Academy of Bloomfield Township (with Huron Valley Schools in Milford and Huron High School in Ann Arbor), much of a challenge as it rolled to the state championship in the 2012 FIRST Robotics state competition at Eastern Michigan University.

But Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics 862 was one of them.

Lightning rolled into International's path in the quarterfinal matchup, and gave the eventual state champions all they could handle before falling 97-90. Despite the loss, team faculty advisor Jay Obsniuk said his team had a lot of which to be proud.

"We were the team that gave them the closest game," Obsniuk said. "No one even came close. We were able to get three robots up on the bridge, and that helped us stay close.'

The season isn't over for one Lightning team member. Salem High School senior Ian Pudney was one of just six students chosen (of 380 competitors), for the competition's Dean's List. That designation sends Pudney to St. Louis for the international competition.

"It's a real big honor for him," Obsniuk said.

FIRST Robotics is a New Hampshire organization that sponsors the competition and sets the guidelines for each year's contest. Students are in the running for \$15 million worth of scholarship money for college, and many, like Landes, discover through robotics that a career in engineering is exactly what they want to pursue.

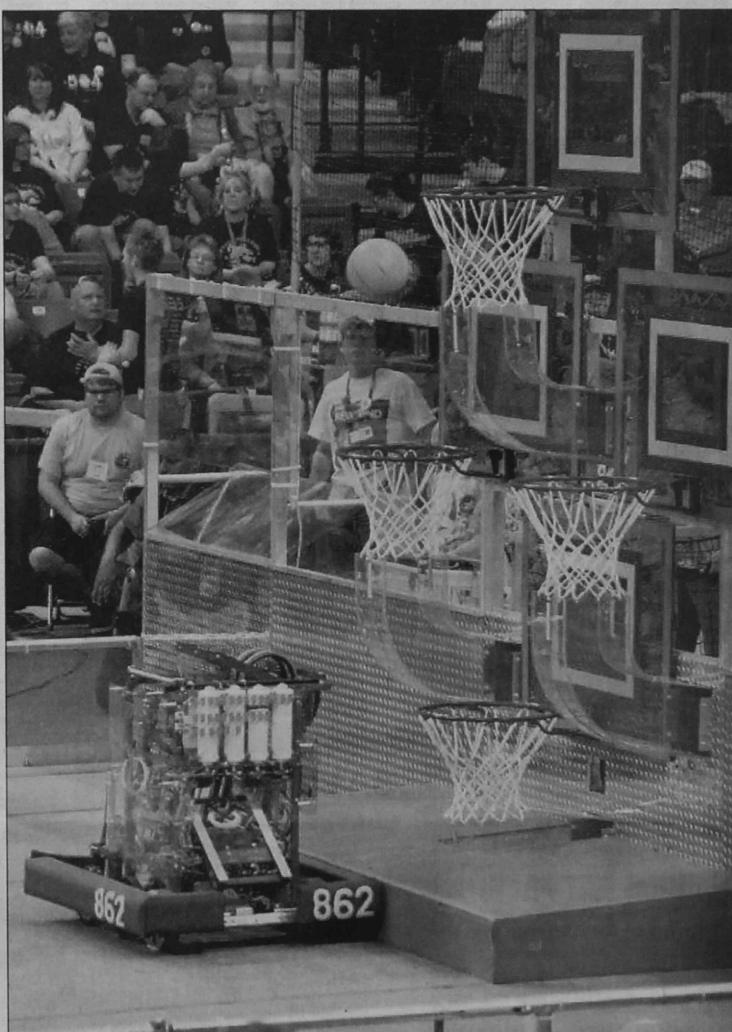
This year's competition, "Rebound Rumble," centered around robots accomplishing basketball-related tasks. Despite the quarterfinal loss, Lightning team members and their robot, Eddie, had a good season.

"They had a great year," Obsniuk said. "I'm super satisfied and happy."

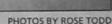
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Salem High School senior Ian Pudney was named one of six Dean's List winners, chosen from a pool of 380 competitors. Pudney now heads to the international competition in St. Louis.



Eddie shoots and scores during the state competition at Eastern Michigan University.

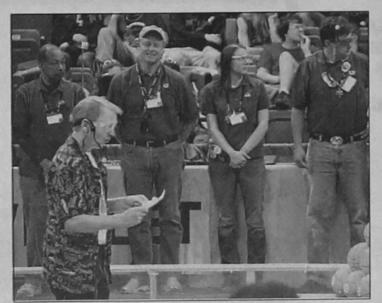




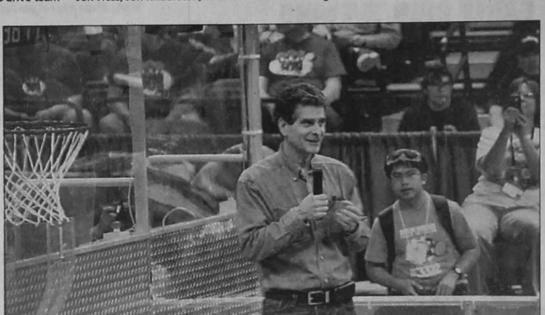
Lutulu Mbiye donned the uniform for the team mascot, Gigawatt, and lined up with other mascots at the state competition.



Lightning 862's drive team — Jeff Hess, Jeff Middleton, Tim Condron and Joe Jagadics — behind the window at the state meet.



Charlie Ackerman (second from left) of Robert Bosch LLC, the team's technical supporter, volunteers as a judge.



FIRST founder Dean Kamen stopped by to encourage the competitors at the state competition at Eastern Michigan University.

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#### CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



A ribbon cutting was held on Wednesday, April 11, by North Canton Orthodontics to celebrate the grand opening of their new facility. North Canton Orthodontics is located at 44633 Joy Road, Suite 300 in Canton. Employees and Canton Chamber of Commerce members were among the attendees.

#### Legislative roundtable

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The Canton Chamber Annual Din-

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nia. This year's theme is "Made in Mich-

Chamber officials called the auction,

"Our chamber depends on its resourc-

es to subsidize important programming,

sponsored this year by Jack Demmer

Ford, a "fun night for socializing and

networking with key businesses and community leaders in a social setting."

services, educational development, as well as promote advocacy in the

community," said chamber President

Dianne Cojei. "Funds raised from the

auction are crucial in maintaining our

mission to stimulate positive business

Area businesses have been extremely generous with their Auction donations

this year, Cojei said, and "we have more than 200 raffle items, which include sev-

eral restaurant packages, many gift bas-

kets, electronics, tools, household items

Tickets for the auction, the chamber's largest fundraiser, are \$75 per person,

which includes entrance to the event,

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growth in the Canton community.'



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silent Auction, DJ and entertainment. Last year's event drew a crowd of over 380 attendees and featured prizes from categories such as Jewelry, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Home-style, and Electronics. This year's auction is expected to draw a sim-

For more information on please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

#### May luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its May networking luncheon May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) or \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open

May's Luncheon will feature guest speaker, Howard (Howdy) Homes, Chelsea Milling Company (Jiffy). Homes won championships, was "Rookie of the Year" at the Indy 500 in 1979. He competed in six Indy 500 events. When he retired in 1988, he held the best average finishing record of anyone who started more than four events.

"We are thrilled to have Howard speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

May's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Curves and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-

#### **First Friday**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 1st Friday Club meeting 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford Road in

It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber. com. The event is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance.

#### **CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **Levin at Danotek**

and jewelry.'

Danotek, a leader in the development and manufacture of highly efficient and reliable permanent magnet generators and power converter systems for the global wind energy market, hosted U.S.



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin recently visited Canton-

along with an extension to the PTC. The wind industry, and Danotek in particular, seeks a long-term extenbased Danotek. sion of the PTC at full

value to ensure consistency and market certainty. While the industry was fortunate to gain short-

term extensions in the past, these shorter time periods create uncertainty and a "boom-and-bust" cycle of short-term planning, near annual job layoffs and higher cost projects.

"I want to stress the importance of tax credits in green energy's future in America and the world," Levin said. "Companies like Danotek can be suppliers in this global effort, and if we don't support them, we are going to lose an awful lot of great jobs in Michigan. Danotek's got some great innovators and good investors, but it also needs some good public support. That's what we're

going to work on in Washington."

Under federal law, the PTC provides an income tax credit of 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour for the production of electricity from utility-scale turbines. This incentive was created under the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The PTC applies for the first 10 years of electricity production, and it is set to expire on December 31, 2012.

#### Real BarBQ opens

The grand opening of Real BarBQ takes place 11 a.m. Friday, April 20, when diners can enjoy specials on ribs, sandwiches and appetizers.
"We serve real St. Louis style ribs that

are smoked, braised, grilled and glazed, for those fall-off-the-bone tender, smoky ribs," said Jim Pinion, Canton general manager. "The ribs slow cooked for 20 hours at a time, always fresh, and never boiled or steamed for short cuts.

In addition to ribs, Real BarBQ serves chicken, pulled pork, brisket, specialty sandwiches, and chili. Real BarBQ has fast delivery and can cater your next parties or business functions.

One of the menu highlights is "The Booster" sandwich. With each sandwich sold, Real BarBQ will donate \$1 to local public school athletic programs. "Real BarBQ is excited to be in Canton and looks forward to being involved in the community", Pinion said.

Real BarBQ is located at 42452 Ford Road, in the red block. For more information, visit www.realbarbq.com.

## Must-have apps for spring

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By Jon Gunnells **Guest Columnist** 

ark Zuckerburg is taking notice of the web's most popular apps and so should you. Earlier this month, the Facebook founder paid a cool \$1 billion for Instagram, a photo application available for download for iPhones and Android phones.

Instagram is one of the many must-have mobile applications every smartphone owner should have at their fingertips. In this column, I will explore a few other apps and mobile games every phone should be equipped with and I'll tell you why they are useful.

• Instagram: When Instagram was released for Android devices in early April, the app was downloaded one million times in the first day. One million users in one day can't be wrong. With Instagram, users can take trendy photos in sepia tones and share them with friends via social networks. Instagram is a fun way to instantly improve your photo skills - a necessary measure if you are as poor with a camera as this writer is.

For those who want to edit photos in tones and colors that aren't sepia, I suggest downloading Camera+, which is available in the iTunes store for \$1.99.

Camera+ is essentially an express version of Photoshop (a photo editing tool) that allows users to change contrasts and brightness levels, reduce red-eye and glare and



**Tech Savvy** 

Jon Gunnells

reach more than one million fans, making it the fastest-growing mobile gaming app to date. With Draw Something, users can challenge their friends to virtual games of Pictionary. When you guess a picture correctly, you get coins which can be used to unlock new colors or words. Draw Something is about as addicting as Words With Friends, another viral game which was touted in

this space early last year. • Temple Run: Quite possibly the most exciting mobile gaming app not called Angry Birds. Temple Run is a mobile take on Indiana Jones as players try to navigate an Amazon-themed obstacle course while being chased by demon monkeys. I'll admit, it sounds a bit over the top, but something about jumping over moats and navigating around trees is exciting.

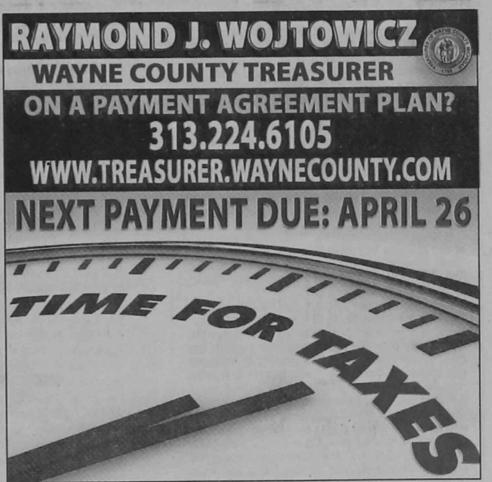
 Angry Birds Space: The newest Angry Birds game has raised the stakes and now users must account for gravity as they fling birds throughout the Milky Way. This game will cost you 99 cents in the iTunes store or Android Marketplace, but like any of the previous installments, this game is well worth it. A couple of other cheap games worth downloading are Fruit Ninja and Doodle Jump. Both are available on smartphones with touchscreens (sorry Blackberry owners).

· ESPN Scorecenter: Whether you need to keep track of the Tigers, Red Wings or Pistons during April in the D, this application is for you. It's also useful for those looking to check golf or NAS-CAR results. ESPN Scorecenter can send you live-in-game updates via text messaging, and can also be accessed to check league-wide standings, scores, news video and more.

· Soundhound: A reliable application that can help you remember the name of songs that are playing around you. Soundhound is very similar to Shazaam, but also excels at ignoring background noises and just identifying what you want to hear. Soundhound is great at helping identify new music. Soundhound is also free.

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## Earth Day

#### Simple steps can help environment, pocket book

Sunday marks the 42nd Earth Day commemoration, a day designed to remind people that the choices we make today can have an impact on the planet for decades to come.

Once an idea embraced only along the political fringes, environmental issues have moved to the mainstream and, at times, grabbed headlines. Focusing on the environment is more than responding to ecological disasters like the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. It's not about political debates regarding the merits of drilling for oil in Alaska or offering incentives to produce alternative sources of energy.

It's an idea that has moved into the classroom, where our children are learning we all have a responsibility to be good stewards to the earth. Several of the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, for instance, have developed natural habitats and other "green" projects designed to bring students closer to nature and teach them not all lessons can be learned in a book. In addition, Allen, Bird, Dodson, Field, Gallimore and Miller Elementary Schools and East, Central and Pioneer Middle School have

earned "green school" designation.

Earth Day is a chance for everyone to reflect on how we, as individuals, families or businesses, impact the planet and what we can do to make it a healthier, more sustainable

place for future generations.

Everyone can make an impact. And we suspect most people, given the choice, would choose options favoring environmental stewardship instead of damaging it. You don't have to go out and buy a Chevy Volt to prove your "green" worth. There are scores of ways you can make a difference with the environment. Individually, it might not make a huge impact. But when you, your family, friends and neighbors all make a small change or two, that leads to much more significant improvements for the planet.

And, a lot of times, the following tips to help the environment can save you money, as well.

 Invest in a programmable thermostat. Why keep the house at a warm 70 degrees all winter long while you're sleeping at night. Set the thermostat to drop 10 degree automati-cally when you go to bed, then warm back up just before it's time to wake. There's 8 hours of heating daily off your bill. Do the same thing while you're at work. In the summer, reverse the process so the air conditioner isn't running 24-7

· Limit times on the road. If you have errands to run, make sure you know everywhere you need to go, and everything you need, so you can combine everything into one trip. And lighten up on the gas pedal after the t turns green. Slow starts improve fue efficiency, and jackrabbit starts will only save you a few seconds in your drive time.

· Keep it off. When you leave a room, don't forget to turn off the lights and electronics. Unplug that phone charger when you're not using it. When you're gone for a while, or overnight, turn off power strips and surge protectors, which are drawing energy whenever they are on, even if the electronics plugged into it are switched off.

· Reuse water bottles. Instead of stopping at the store to buy that afternoon water bottle. Most reusable bottles can be purchased for less than \$10, and filling up from your faucet

at home costs pennies

· Recycle paper. When you're done reading this newspaper, make sure it gets recycled. If you don't have curb side recycling, most schools in the area have paper recycling bins in their parking lot, which even brings a few extra dollars in to the schools each time

they're filled.

· Bag it. When you head to the grocery or department store, bring your own bags. If you have plastic or paper bags from your last trip, use them one more time. Or go for a cloth bag, which can hold even more groceries and can be used again and again. Keep the bags in your car, so they're available whenever you need them.

· Buy energy efficient. When it's time to replace that refrigerator or dishwasher, look for its Energy Star compliance label. More efficient appliances will save electrical and water costs. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, replacing conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones saves significant energy, as well. If each American home replaced one traditional bulb with the energy efficient ones, there would be enough saved energy to light more than 3 million homes a year.

None of these ideas requires big cash investments or hours of time to accomplish. They're just a few of the easy ways anyone can make a small change that can lead to big improve-

ments with the environment.



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#### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### What do you think of new state legislation allowing motorcyclists to ride without helmets?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"It's a terrible idea. I'm a med student, and I've seen the devastating effects of brain injury. My dad is an avid cyclist and he's a proponent of helmets."

**Paul Tompkins** 



"It's absolutely ridiculous because they're going to get head injuries, and you don't turn back from a head injury."

**Annette Cafferty** 



"No way. I'm a cyclist and I just think it's stupid to want to go without your helmet."

> **Marie Rice** Canton



"Bad idea because of brain injury that all the taxpayers will have to pay for."

Kathleen Cafferty

#### **LETTERS**

#### Falling short

The Plymouth-Canton School's mission statement is as follows: "As a public institution, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District will lead our state in educating students to thrive in a complex global community."

Unfortunately, this statement only applies to the majority of white students who attend our district's schools. White students in Plymouth-Canton consistently outperform black and Hispanic students on state assessments, in every subject, at every grade level. White students consistently graduate at higher percentages than students of color - while students of color are disciplined far more frequently than White

The Plymouth-Canton School District continues to provide tacit support to our students of color, and in most cases, to all marginalized students. The "colorblind approach" to educational and academic disparities that district leaders seem to adhere to is harmful and often the cause of deep, systemic racism, including institutional racism.

District leaders will point to efforts at understanding race, racial disparities and the elimination of the racial achievement gap as evidence of their interest that race matters when it come to serving the needs of our students. Yet, after four years of work, countless workshops, the acceptance of an Educational Equity and **Excellence Transformation Frame**work that clearly outlines the path that must ensue in order to legitimately address racial disparities, there is still no racial equity policy written and presented to the school board for approval.

As this district continues to "beat the drum" for students to attend our schools via programs like elementary TAG, IBB, STEM, etc., students of color, and students who are categorized negatively as "other," suffer and struggle to find their voice in a system that seems only to care about "the best students."

Before we extend an invitation to the "best and brightest," I strongly suggest that district leaders and educators in Plymouth-Canton look at the faces of children who now sit in our classrooms — faces that awake each morning knowing that in order to make it through the day safely and successfully, they must learn how to navigate individual and institutional racism in our schools' classrooms, halls and cafeterias.

Write a Racial Equity Policy now, Plymouth-Canton School District. That, more than anything else, will demonstrate your commitment to be a "leader in the state at educating students to thrive in a complex global community."

> George Belvitch Canton

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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McCotter needs to hold town hall

Regarding the letter from Terry Cannon last week - I, too, have tried to attend Rep. McCotter's town hall meeting, but was told none were scheduled. A friend of mine did show up at an event with the representative, but was told it was "for supporters only." Does that mean that Rep. McCotter will answer public questions only posed by those who he is sure are supporters, and thus only take the questions

he wants to answer? When will he have a town hall meeting that can be freely attended by all of his constituents, who pay his salary and provide his more than generous benefits?

**Sheryl Edwards** 

#### Livonia

Sensible option

With gasoline prices on the rise, it's important to make sure your vehicle's engine is running effectively and efficiently. April is National Car Care Month and an ideal time to talk with a professional automotive technician to see if repowering your vehicle with a remanufactured/re-

built engine is the right choice for

A rebuilt engine gets better gas mileage and emits fewer pollutants than a worn out engine. If your car or truck is experiencing major engine damage, but is in relatively good shape otherwise, repowering it with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine is a sensible financial option that is much more cost-effective than purchasing a new or used car.

With repowering, a vehicle's engine or an identical one from another like-vehicle is completely disassembled, cleaned, machined and remanufactured/rebuilt. Unlike used or junk yard engines with an unknown performance and maintenance history, remanufactured/rebuilt engines are dependable, reliable and backed by excellent warranty programs.

To learn more about the benefits of remanufactured/rebuilt engines, visit the Engine Rebuilders Council at www.enginerebuilder.org

> Ken Carter chairman, Engine Rebuilders Council

#### Failed policies

The policies championed by the Republican Party have been tried and failed.

Republicans say "cutting taxes will create jobs." Under George W. Bush, they cut taxes and it did not work. He ended his second term with a second recession, the worst since the Great Depression. While these tax cuts were in place, Bush started two wars, added prescription drug coverage to Medicare with no attempt to pay for it, and our deficit skyrocketed

Under President Obama's leadership our economy is growing again - and with government investment it would grow a lot more, but Republicans refuse to help. We have had 10 years of the tax cuts, and taxes are at the lowest level in 50 years. Making the rich pay higher taxes will cost jobs is a myth. They are not the job creators; we the consumers are the real job creators in America.

Most experts say that we must increase revenue (taxes) to reduce the deficit; the majority of taxpayers agree. They know it is sometimes necessary to increase taxes; unlike Republicans, they know the bills must be paid. The Republicans want Obama to do it alone and take all blame, as Gov. Granholm did when she raised the Michigan income tax. If the tax increase was not needed, Republicans could have cut it when they took control. Instead they postponed an already-scheduled cut of the income tax rate and placed taxes on pensions in Michigan. Granholm did the heavy lifting and now Snyder gets the credit as Michigan's economy grows. Thank you, President Obama (auto loans): "Less government regulation. The free market will self-regulate."

We witnessed the near collapse of the financial system as Wall Street gamblers went unregulated, betting on AAA-rated, chicken-crap mortgage securities. Regulations that were put in place after the Great Depression were removed, the investment banks were told stealing was no longer a crime, and as the value of homes plummeted.

Those responsible were surprised that investment bankers had become thieves. Some will debate who is responsible for reducing these regulations, but there is no debating the fact that it is the Republican Party that always campaigns on less regulation. Even with the effects of the Great Recession still lingering and only little reform passed to prevent it from happening again, Republicans are calling for that reform to be repealed. It should be clear to all who owns their allegiance.

Chuck Tindall union carpenter (retired)

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## Inspire Theatre presents Simon's 'Rumors'

What does a retired detective, a physician, two school teachers, a high school counselor, an IT specialist and ocean export agent have in com-

They're all in Neil Simon's farcical comedy, Rumors, presented by Inspire Theatre of Westland beginning Friday, April 20.

Several affluent couples gather in the posh suburban residence of a couple for a dinner party celebrating their hosts' 10th anniversary. However, they discover there are no servants, the hostess is missing, and the host - the deputy mayor of New York City - has shot himself through the earlobe. Comic complications arise when, given everyone's upper class status, they decide they need to do everything



The cast of Inspire Theatre's production of Neil Simmon's "Rumors" includes Lisa Brawley of Livonia (from left), Richard Holland of Livonia, Leonard Zamawski of Canton, Bill Petersen of Livonia, Sue Fisher of Wayne, Nick Szczebra of Brownstown, John Donnelly of Redford, Bobbi Gladden of Livonia and Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills.

possible to conceal the evening's events from the local police and the media.

In an interview, Simon said "the play started with the idea of doing a

farce ... The next thing was to do it as an elegant farce, because the farces in Moliere's days were generally about wealthy

These aren't extreme-

ly wealthy people, but they are well-to-do, so I decided to dress them in evening clothes," Simon said during the interview. "There was something about having them dressed in evening clothes that I thought was a nice counterpoint to the chaos that was happening in the play. And so I picked a reason for them to be dressed elegantly, and it was a 10th anniversary."

Len Fisher, artistic director of Inspire Theatre, is understandably excited about this pro-

For this incredibly talent cast, we have doubled our square footage of stage," Fisher said. "We've added a second floor, complete with balcony. For our little the-

#### **SHOW TIME**

What: Neil Simon's Rumors

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 20, 21, 27 and 28 and 3 p.m. Sunday April 22 and 29

Location: The theatre is located inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Tickets: Tickets are \$13 each. Reservations can be made by calling the ticket line at (734) 751-7057.

atre group, this has been an ambitious undertaking. It feels like the little

theatre that could.' Fisher's enthusiasm is not only limited to the set. He gushes about the script, the cast, his staff,

and ticket sales. "It's like a convergence of all things that are good about community theatre. Plus I have an added bonus - my wife Sue is one of the cast mem-

bers," he said. The Neil Simon script has been challenging for the cast, given the location of the rented theatre space - inside a local church.

"It's a mixed bag," explained Fisher. "The rent and location is great, but some folks come or don't come because we are in a church. We have walked the delicate line of being sensitive to being in the building while still maintaining the integrity of the script."

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### Students turn Rouge into living classroom

During the week of May 2, more than 3,000 students from local southeast Michigan schools will be conducting chemical tests, examining aquatic life, and surveying the Rouge River.

The students' efforts are a part of their participation in the Rouge Education Project, a program coordinated by the non-profit Friends of the Rouge. Through the Rouge Education Project students get to experience hands-on science in a real world setting.

Students participating in the Rouge Education Project may monitor up to nine different chemical parameters of the river including pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, nitrates, and fecal coliform bacteria. The students will then collect and identify benthic macroinvertebrates, such as insect larvae that live in the bottom of the river, crayfish and snails. Lastly, students also complete a physical stream survey, which includes documenting the erosion of stream banks and measuring the velocity of the water.

"The Rouge Education Project provides K-12th grade students with an exceptional opportunity to gain hands on experience in real-world science, learn about their local ecosystem, and form lasting respect for the community in which they live," said Rouge Education Project Program Manager Emily R. Hughes.

The Rouge Education Project began in 1987 and is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Its mission is to promote awareness and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed through school-based water quality monitoring, investigation and problem solving. In addition to water quality monitoring, students in the project are encouraged to take action to improve the health of the river based on their findings, and to consider how their everyday actions impact their environment. The data that the students collect is made available to the public on the Friends of the Rouge website (www.therouge. org) and is provided to communities in the water-

For more information about the Rouge Education Project or the Friends of the Rouge, call Hughes at (313) 792-9626.

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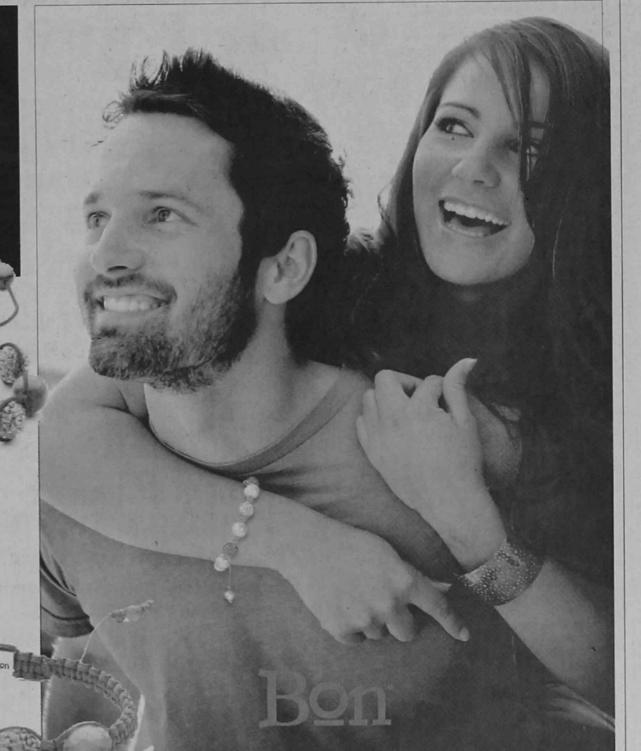
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## **Teams** ready for City Meet

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

With the annual City Meet looming, the Canton and Plymouth boys track and field teams tuned up with victories on Tues-

Canton edged Livonia Churchill 72-65 while Plymouth rolled to an 81-56 victory over BOYS Livonia Franklin. Results from Tues-

TRACK Results From Lyon dual meet were not available.

According to Chiefs head coach Bob Richardson, sweeping the 100- and 200-meter dashes "really helped us. Our sprinters led the way.'

Winning those events were Ryan Jones and Colby Morris, respectively, with Matt Schacht finishing first in the 400 dash.

"We knew it was going to be a close meet and it turned out exactly that way," Richardson

Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said the Wildcats "learned and improved" from an April 3 loss to Canton.

William Askew II "had a great meet" winning the 100 and 200 along with being of the victorious mile relay.

Also solid in the victory were Derek Gielarowski, Max Rogowski, Brandon Dalton, Jonny Dalton, Lucas Bunting and Alex Rogers.

Mikosz added that William Harrington threw well (first in the disc; second in the shot) and that freshmen Nathan Harris and John Kody chipped in.

Harris earned his first varsity win in the high jump (5-feet, 8-inches) while Kody also scored with a second-place mark of 5-6.

'We're happy with the victory and now we got to get our sights set for Thursday night and the

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Plymouth's Mitchell Heard (No. 15) scores in the second period against Kitchener goalie John Gibson to make it a 2-2 tie in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals. The Rangers subsequently took control of the deciding contest.

## HARPOONED

#### Kitchener sinks Whalers in Game 7 of OHL conference semis

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Missed opportunities, penalty trouble and Kitchener forward Tyler Randell - not necessarily in that order dashed the hopes of the Plymouth Whalers moving on to the OHL Western Conference

A four-goal performance by Randell keyed the Rangers to a 6-3 victory in Tuesday night's Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals, played before nearly 2,500 fans at

Compuware Arena. So instead of getting ready to face London in the conference finals, Whalers players sat quietly in their locker room stalls or consoled each other, wondering how their plans got derailed.

"Feel this pain you're feeling right now, because you let it slip away," Plymouth head coach and General Manager Mike Vellucci said. "You had them down three games to two and they won the last two. ... We should have played better in their building in Game 6 and we definitely should have played better here."

On Sunday, Plymouth gave up two goals in the third (one into an empty net) to fall 4-2 and require the winner-takeall scenario.

Firing blanks

The Whalers did come out firing in the first 10 minutes of the game, when they had a 7-0 edge in shots. That time span also corresponded with the only power-play opportunity they received all night.

However, they couldn't dent Kitchener goalie John Gibson (35 saves) and the Rangers cashed in on the power play at 10:20 of the first period.

Center Michael Catenacci sent a cross-crease pass to Randell stationed near the left post. Randell slam-dunked the puck past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood, the New Jersey Devils prospect who might have been playing his final game for the Whalers.

Plymouth needed less than two minutes to answer. Winger Stefan Noesen (Ottawa prospect) threaded a pass to linemate Matthew Mistele in the left circle.

Mistele then launched a shot over Gibson's glove with 7:51 left. Also assisting was defen-

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Ryan Rieckhoff, shown from a 2011 match, returns for the Plymouth varsity boys golf team.

## 'Cats keep bar high

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

What do you do with a team that's enjoyed consecutive all-state performances and division championships?

Plymouth varsity boys golf coach Chris Moore

is loading

up the ear-

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schedule

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with tournaments against top teams from around the state.

'My hope is that we will see what it will take in order to make it to the state tournament again for a third straight year," Moore said. "Many of the teams in our division (KLAA South) have made some great improvements since last year, so we know it is going to be

With the recent unseasonably warm weather, the team was able to

a very competitive sea-

son."

get in extra practice time and that also is a reason Moore is optimistic about continued excellence.

Junior Ryan Rieckhoff and freshman Chris McDonald each sank their first career ace on the same No. 5 hole at the Fox Hills/Woods Course.

"A significant part of our team's success is the practice time we get at Fox Hills," Moore said. "We have access to their par-3 course, the driving ranges, short game practice area and, of course, the 27 holes at the Clas-

Also key for another successful year is having 18 returning golfers from the team that went 9-1 in the KLAA South.

Leading the way will be senior co-captains Josh Heinze and Craig Whatley, who "have done a great job in the off-season by setting up dates to practice and hit balls."

Other returnees are

senior Eric Thompson; juniors Kyle Rodes, Rieckhoff, Gunnar Savalox, Ryan Riva, Thomas Wolf and Austin Horton: and sophomores John Tatti, Evan Chipman, Kyle Melnick, Chris Kozler, Lucas Winkler, Jack Marentic, Alex Decker. Chris Bicknell and Corey Smith.

McDonald is one of eight newcomers to the squad. The others include senior Daniel Furlong; juniors Brad Huettner and Spencer Godin; sophomore Justice Graves; and freshmen Michael Groff, Connor Zydeck and Andrew Lloyd.

The Wildcats open with tournaments Saturday at Rush Lake, Sunday at Indianwood (new course) and Monday at Indianwood's old course - the latter to be the site for the U.S. Senior Open later this summer.

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#### Little League opening day

Plymouth-Canton Little League will celebrate opening day for the 2012 baseball season Saturday, with games from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Canton Sports Center.

The flier for the event can be found at www. ply-canll.com. The official opening day ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

Residents are welcome to come out and help kick off the 2012 season.

#### MU baseball signs recruit

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing last week of Fraser catcher-infielder Taylor Grzelakowski to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

Grzelakowski earned All-Macomb Area Conference honors after hitting .364 as a junior while slugging at a .600 clip. He is ranked 64th in the state by MichiganBaseball-Prospects.com.

"Taylor is a big, strong kid who swings the bat from the left side of the plate," Haeger said. "He's caught and played the infield in the past, but what we like about him the most is the power potential he has, especially being left handed."

#### **Tin Cup time**

The inaugural "Train with Tami Tin Cup" is set for Saturday, April 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club. Formerly known as the Tin Cup since its debut in 1999, the 2012 tournament is scheduled for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

PGA pro Tami Bealert, of Hickory Creek GC, has agreed to sponsor the Tin Cup starting in 2012 — thus the name change. The tournament is an 18-hole, stroke-play, netscore event for Mulligan Tour members that have a handicap established.

Guests are encouraged to register to play in the tournament in the same way as tour members. They can mail in the entry fee or use the PayPal option on the tour's website (www. themulligantour.com), where they can also learn about the tour's origins and purpose. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart. The deadline to sign up is April 19.

Also in the works is a pre-tournament party at the Greenside Tavern (the restaurant inside Hickory Creek) on Friday, April 27.

Hickory Creek Golf Club is located just west of Canton at 3625 Napier Road in Superior Township. Call (734) 731-0238 for more information.

#### **Canton boys** hoop camps

The Canton boys basketball program is hosting camps in June for youngsters entering grades five-nine.

 Boys entering ninth grade can sign up for a camp slated for Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7 (5-6:30 p.m. daily). Registration is \$50, which includes a T-shirt.

 For boys going into grades five-eight, the camp goes from June 25-28, from 9-11 a.m. each day. The cost to sign up is \$60, also including a T-shirt.

Visit www.facebook. com/cantonchiefsbasketball to get registration forms or contact coach Jimmy Reddy at reddyj@ slcs.us.

Canton midfielder Lucas Carpenter (No. 11) looks to pass the ball during one of the team's early season contests.

#### Chiefs won't 'lax' in any department er returnee,

Sturdy defense will be the calling card for the Canton varsity boys lacrosse

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team, as the coaching era of Paul

Isiminger begins. Four returning seniors lead that defense. Cocaptains Ryan Schwinke, Brandon Schlieger, Christian Munch on the long poles and goaltender Daniel Blanchard.

Also in goal is anoth-



Isiminger

sophomore Collin Smith, providing Isiminger with plenty of talent between the

pipes "The coach has installed

some new defensive schemes this year. It's going to take a little time to adjust but we will be strong and ready," Schwinke said.

Isiminger knows the

ropes at Canton, having played for former coach Kevin Riley, who left the Chiefs to coach at Lawrence Technological University.

Joining Isiminger's staff are former Chiefs Alec Gilo and Ryan Dunleavy, the latter who won a National Championship at Davenport University.

That new coaching regime also has balanced offense to augment the

Please see LACROSSE, B2

#### Eagles breeze to win

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Wild pitchers and gusty winds were the story Monday afternoon as Plymouth **PREP** Christian BASEBALL Academy blew past Melvindale

Technology, 21-1. The game was called due to the mercy rule after the top of the third inning.

Academy of Business &

"The pitchers had a really hard time with throwing strikes, on both sides," noted PCA head coach Joe Bottorff, whose team improved to 2-0. "But I got kids with less experience a little bit of action so when it's time to play later on they'll at least have been in a game a couple times. And a couple of them got hits."

Freshman Tanner Hay doubled to center field in the second inning for two RBI, while Bottorff added that junior Brandon Marker also scored his first varsity hit.

Pitching all three innings for the victory was sophomore John Lauch, who only gave up a run in the top of the first.

But the Eagles sent 19 batters to the plate against three ABT pitchers in the first, as PCA scored 13 times. There were 10 walks to keep the rally going, with the final five free passes of the

stanza forcing in runs. Sophomore Daniel Jipping smoked a two-run

Plymouth Christian

soccer team and new

day and Tuesday.

versity Liggett.

Liggett.

she said.

**GIRLS** 

SOCCER

Academy's varsity girls

start following wins Mon-

On Monday at PCA, the

Eagles mercied Summit

Academy, 8-0. They fol-

lowed that up Tuesday

with a 6-1 drubbing of

Grosse Pointe Woods Uni-

Both games were routs,

but Lorion said the Eagles

"played significantly bet-

"They were first to the

ball and did a great job of winning balls in the air,"

ter" against University

coach Abby

Lorion are

off to a 2-0

homer over the fence in left-center and PCA received back-to-back RBI singles in the frame by freshman Michael Slater and senior Daniel Slater.

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Three doubles sparked the eight-run second inning. They were collected by Michael Slater (2-2, three runs, one RBI), Hay and Lauch.

PLYMOUTH 8, W.L. CENTRAL
3: Rich Guglielmi homered
and doubled to pace the
Plymouth Wildcats to a KLAA crossover baseball victory Monday.

"This is a good win for us against a quality opponent," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "Central is a very good team."

Also helping the offense were Casey Sudz (two hits, two RBI), Brian Schmid and Brendan Swanson (two hits

Starting pitcher Justin Thompson teamed up with relievers Austin Eberling and Brandon Waack. Eberling threw three shutout innings and earned the win while Waack pitched a 1-2-3 sev-

Plymouth opens division play with a Friday doubleheader against visiting Livonia Churchill

CATS' OHIO TRIP: Plymouth went 1-1 last week in Ohio, with two other games rained

On Thursday, the Wildcats defeated Chaminade Julienne 14-2. Schmid went four innings for the win, with Chad Schroeder wrapping it up with two innings in relief.
Jamarl Eiland collected three
hits and drove in two runs,
while Tyler Goble, Matt Janke and Sudz tallied two hits

Plymouth also lost 11-8 to Wyoming despite Goble's four-hit, five-RBI performance. Justin Thompson and Willey chipped in with three and two hits, respectively.

In Tuesday's game,

goals off of free kicks

LeMerise scored three

assists. Sarah Durham

had a single helper.

goals while Rachel Zan-

dee tallied a goal and two

Gerulis and Katelynn

Barkell each scored two

goals Monday while Ger-

Abraham had two assists.

ulis, Zandee and Jenna

Other players to score

included Abigail Aitken

(who played the first half

in goal), LeMerise, Mar-

tha Mullett and Kendall

Sarah Durham played

part of the opener.

The winning goalie both days was Aitken although

Groenwoud.

Emily Gerulis scored two

and added an assist. Abby

PCA offense paces

opening victories



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Plymouth forward Tom Wilson (No. 10) dishes the puck from behind the Kitchener net, starting a play that would end in a goal by linemate Mitchell Heard (not pictured). At right is Tobias Rieder of the Rangers.

#### **WHALERS**

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seman Dario Trutmann. Kitchener forward Eric Ming scored for a 2-1 lead with 2:50 remaining. He walked the puck out from behind the net, waited for traffic to get in front of Wedgewood (25 saves) and scored with a short-side shot.

Effort pays off

Once again, the Whalers knotted the score. With 17:24 left in the second period, the hardworking line of center J.T. Miller (New York Rangers prospect), Mitchell Heard and Tom Wilson teamed up for

the equalizer. Wilson dug the puck out from behind the Kitchener goal and sent it to Miller along the left-wing boards. Miller's subsequent feed was jammed in by

Heard at the right post. But in keeping with the theme of the night, the Whalers could not get over the hump. Kitchener tallied two



Kitchener's Radek Faksa (No. 94) and Cody Sol (No. 41) close in on Plymouth forward Matthew Mistele (No. 22) during action Tuesday night at Compuware Arena. Mistele had a goal and an assist.

goals just over two minutes apart to take a 4-2 lead into the second intermission.

On the power play, defenseman Ryan Murphy sent a shot from beyond the top of the left circle that Randell batted in at the right side of the Plymouth goal.

Randell then deked Wedgewood for his hat trick, with just 51 seconds left in the period.

Kitchener really took the air out of the building when Randell tipped in a point shot by defenseman Cody Sol with 15:37 remaining in the third, opening up a 5-2 advantage.

Plymouth defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) closed the gap to 5-3 at 14:13. Levi's screen snot from the blue line snuck through a maze of bodies into the Kitchener net. Assisting were Mistele and Wil-

The optimism for the team and home fans was short-lived, however. Tobias Rieder's emptynetter with 1:21 left finished off the Whalers.

"They got four power plays to our one in Game 7, so that's pretty ridiculous," Vellucci said. "But I didn't think we had any jump. They played pret-ty good and their goalie played really well."

#### Some won't return

That Carolina prospect Levi scored in the final game of his four-year Plymouth career was one small positive in a night of disappointment.

Some of the other longtime Whalers who won't be back include captain and defenseman Beau Schmitz (Howell), center Andy Bathgate and forward Jamie Devane (Toronto prospect).

"You don't know how everything is going to shake out next year,' Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said. "But some guvs will be leav ing. It's always nice when a guy that's been here a long time scores on his last night."

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#### **DUAL MATCH RESULTS** LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 17 at Plymouth No. 1 singles: Carolyn Mc-Cullen (LF) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Keerthi Chekuri (P) def. Jenny Pagador, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Kirthi Duraiswamy (P) def. Natalie Mays, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Miranda Cerny (P) def. Kelsey Sitarski, 6-0, 7-6 (7-1).

**PLYMOUTH 8** 

#### GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS South Division.

Erin MacKenzie (P) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanc-zenko, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Marlowe Susselman-Sarah Gamble (P) def. Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozota, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Sarah Dillon-Katie Bartek (P) def. Sarah Godsinski-Laura Corp, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Lauren Chipman-Ellie Anderson (P) def. Naomi Hedeen-Madison Eisenhower, 6-2, 6-2; No. 5: Carly Curvin-Lindsey Dean (P) def. Amanda Lyon-Allison Karczynski, 6-0, 6-2.

**GOLF** 

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"The course is going to

be in excellent condition

**PCA** outlook

for our boys," Moore said.

David Sheppard takes

emy's varsity golf team.

The Eagles are a young

over as head coach of Plymouth Christian Acad-

Franklin's dual match record: 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA

**CANTON 9** WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0 April 17 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Janani Shanmuga (C) defeated Sara Aulidge, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Hanna Herree (C) def. Shaina Jones, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Hayley Cook (C) def. Montana Graszak, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Maddison Johnson (C) won by forfeit.

No. 1 doubles: Sydney Leidel-Erin Fowler (C) def. Ashley llonze-Brea Stewart, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (C) def. Jasmine Ivey-Tiana Grafton, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Claire Babala-Jasmine Henry (C) def. Victoria Silva-Donaji Castro, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Jamie Emens-Sinari Shah (C) def. Ann Koulou-Myesha Hines, 6-2, 6-0. Glenn's dual match record: 0-6 overall, 0-2 KLAA Sout

## No. 1 doubles: Sarah Mitchell-

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tain and third-year varsi-

squad with four sophomores among his starters.

Those include Adam Powlus, Luke Holmes, Erich Lingg and Josh Paladino, with junior Alex Huber and senior David Bixler rounding out the card.

Ready in reserve are seniors Tyler Mills, Amanda Doiron and freshmen Joey Fanelli, Zack Eisen, Sarah Hughes and Elizabeth

Qualls.

Division.

'I am looking forward to this upcoming season with our top guys showing some real promise with posting some low scores during practice," Sheppard said. "We have a young team and will hopefully be building and improving for years to come."

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#### LACROSSE

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experienced back end. Junior co-captain Tim Popp, sophomores Kyle Topper, Ian Fagan, senior Michael Olah and junior Craig Allard are the players who Canton will look to for goals.

The middies this year are led by senior co-capty player Lucas Carpenter, along with seniors Zach McArdle, Jason Bohl and junior Dillon Schlampp.

Joining the midfielders this year are seniors Justin Bekker, Nick Dunklee, junior Jake Brekke, sophomores Max Kwiecien and Aaron Roschinsky. Freshmen Nolan Gilo and Jay Krebs bring some youth and talent to round out

the middies. The long stick midfield group includes Jake Evavold and Tyler Sensky. The LSMs will be much more of a factor this year under Isiminger's watch. Rounding out the roster

is junior Charlie Vanerian. The Chiefs are off to a

good start. After dropping the opener to Ann Arbor Skyline they bounced back with a solid 9-5 win over West Bloomfield and this week face Grand Blanc, Hartland and Troy.

**B3** 

## Observerland girls bowlers clutch under pressure

**FIRST TEAM** Bridget Moricz, Sr., Clarenceville: The repeat first-team all-area player rolled a high game of 255 to go along with a 630 series (both in tournaments).

During the regular season, Moricz averaged 190.01 for 28 games.

"She was the anchor bowler all year for the girls varsity team and led our team in regional qualifying with a thirdplace finish to go to Jackson," Clarenceville coach Phil Horowitz said. "I feel she's very deserving.'

Moricz also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

Caitlyn Webb, Soph., Plymouth: The sophomore showed the poise and maturity of a senior for Plymouth, a consistent performer all season as anchor bowler for coach Tammy Thompson.

Webb averaged 193 in tournament play, with her high-water mark 256 on two occasions.

She was first at the Division 1 regional at Westland Lanes, with a 1,169pin series and advanced to the Round of 16 at the D1 finals at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek (1,072, 15th place).

"She was lights out with her spares all season and is our most dynamic bowler," Thompson said. "She is the type of bowler that other anchors don't like playing against.'

The coach said Webb's top accomplishment might have been a 666 score at the Valentine's Day tournament "and beat every bowler in the house, including all of the boys."

Bridget Maul, Jr., Salem: Third-year varsity bowler Maul was outstanding for the Rocks, carrying a 173 average with a high game of 245 and earning selection to the All-KLAA team.

Maul won 19 of 24 match points, placed second at the D1 regionals (1.078) in the singles event and reached the Round of 16 at the finals.

In the qualifying block at Battle Creek, Maul totaled 1,094 with a high game of 216.

She then lost 397-353 to Kelsey Fader of New Baltimore Anchor Bay.

Bridget is a true leader and mentor on the team,' coach Kathie Hahn said. "She says she is going to win states next year and we are counting on it."

Maul also was named as a KLAA athletic scholar. Kristin Larkins, Jr., Salem: Another stel-

#### 2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER **GIRLS BOWLING**

FIRST TEAM

Bridget Moricz, Sr. Clarenceville
Caitlyn Webb, Soph., Plymouth
Bridget Maul, Jr., Salem
Kristin Larkins, Jr., Salem
Rae'ven Turner, Soph., N. Farmington
Emily Fraser, Jr., Plymouth
SECOND TEAM
Charlotte Zimmer, Ir., Canton

Charlotte Zimmer, Jr., Canton
Caylin Doran, Soph., Farmington-Harr.
Maria Walawender, Jr., F.H. Mercy
Caity Lenard, Soph., John Glenn
Tiffany Markham, Sr., Wayne
Emily Mesner, Sr., N. Farmington
THIRD TEAM

Jenny Ramsey, Sr., N. Farmington
Jasmine Wehr, Sr., F.H. Mercy
Olivia Cabildo, Fr., John Glenn
Sabine Hutter, Soph., Ladywood
Megan Blanck, Jr., Plymouth
Madison Close, Sr., N. Farmington
COACH OF THE YEAR
Mike Horner, North Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION Wayne Memorial: Lorissa Willets; Westland Glenn: Yvette Ayers; Salem: Ashley Hinojosa, Rachel Amodio; Farmington Hills Mercy: Kathleen Abenes, Eleanor Carey, Erica Canavan; Canton: Brianna Bailey, Amber Holly; North Farmington: Emily Doig, Erin Breen; Farmington-Harrison: Ella Kearney, Melissa Waun, Melissa King; Plymouth: Megan Brewer, Tiffani Patterson; Ladywood: Veronica Estigoy, Amy Lewandowski

lar third-year bowler for Salem's varsity is Larkins, who averaged 188 with a high game of 263.

Larkins, an all-conference selection, won 18 of 24 match points and placed seventh at the D1 regionals with score of 1.015.

At the D1 finals in Battle Creek, she tallied 1,009 points for 33rd place.

'Kristin was the team captain and did a wonderful job," Hahn said. "She is going to have a very strong senior year."

Rae'ven Turner, Soph., N. Farmington: The sophomore standout is a twoyear varsity bowler who played a major role in the Raiders winning the OAA White Division and being undefeated in dual matches. Turner was the Region 3 runner-up and a state qualifier. She averaged 175 in the OAA and 178 overall.

Turner was third at the Clarenceville Doubles tournament, and she qualified in fourth and third at the OAA singles and Oakland County tournaments, respectively. She also made all-tournament team at the Mercy Invite in which she bowled 244 and 266. She is an OAA scholar-athlete with a 4.0 GPA.

"Rae'ven is only a sophomore, but bowls like a seasoned veteran," coach Mike Horner said. "She strives for a precise delivery on every single ball she rolls. Don't be misled by her quiet personality. She is a tremendously competitive athlete who demands the very best from herself. Fortunately, we will have her talent and work ethic as an example for two more years.'

Emily Fraser, Jr., Plymouth: The junior with the "flare for spares" was consistent all year for Plymouth.

But she peaked at tournament time, finishing 10th at the D1 regionals (1,008) and then reaching the Round of 16 at the D1 finals.

Fraser rolled a 232 in the first game of the qualifying block, going on to tally 1,106 pins for sixth place.

"She started off at the top and never looked back," Thompson said.

The coach added that Fraser is a "great leader" whose consistency "is what made her a stateworthy bowler. She is known for picking up her

According to Thompson, "I knew what I was going to get out of Emily every time she was in the lineup

**SECOND TEAM** 

Charlotte Zimmer, Jr., Canton: The junior and varsity co-captain averaged 180 for the Chiefs. At the D1 regionals, she placed 28th with a score of 913.

Her best scores were 279 for one game and 474 for two.

Zimmer, the team's anchor bowler, was named to the All-KLAA squad.



Moricz Clarenceville



Plymouth



Charlotte Zimmer Canton



Doran

Farm.-Harr.

"Charlotte Zimmer is a

talented bowler with a lot

of potential," coach Karl

Brubaker said. "She has

we look forward to her

senior season."

improved each season and

Caylin Doran, Soph.,

Farmington-Harrison:

10 games of 200 or bet-

ter this season. Her high

game was a 244 and high

series a 419. Doran aver-

aged 185 for the season

OAA first team.

and was named to the All-

er since she entered our

program," coach Dennis

she bowled anchor for

us and finished with the

third highest average in

All-OAA bowler and had

the highest average for

an underclassmen in the

conference. Her off-sea-

son training and competi-

tion allowed her to raise

her average 19 pins over

her freshman season. She

can be a dominant bowler

over the next two years,

Maria Walawender,

Jr., Mercy: She went on a

tear in the month of Feb-

ruary, bowling 28 games

and averaging 190. The

stretch included seven

games in a row over 200,

and a two-game series of

495. Walawender helped

lead Mercy to a second

championship, and she

was named to the All-

ment medals.

straight Catholic League

Catholic team with a 618

average was 180, and she

received many all-tourna-

"Maria would often

huddle up the team in

the middle of competi-

tion and provide some

words of encouragement

to motivate everyone to

improve," coach Vicky

Kowalski said. "She has

been on the varsity team

as co-captain this sea-

all three years and served

es. Her overall season

a league-high 268 game

to have her.

and our program is lucky

the OAA. She is a two-time

Hermani said. "This year

"Cavlin has been a start-

The sophomore shot



Walawender

son next year.'

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Caity Lenard John Glenn

son. We look forward to

Maria captaining the Mer-

cy team in her senior sea-

Caity Lenard, Soph.,

John Glenn: The sopho-

more captain helped the

tral Division title with a

175 average to go along

at this year's Division 1

regional (21st overall).

her teammates," Glenn

coach Stephen O'Harris

Wayne: The third-year

Tiffany Markham, Sr.,

varsity performer led the

Zebras in matches won to

go along with a 173 aver-

game of 223 and a two-

game high series of 424.

Markham plans to stay

close to home after grad-

uating in 2013 and would

"I would like to thank

for all the help and happy

smiles while bowling my

junior years," Markham

Emily Mesner, Sr., N.

Farmington: Mesner is a

three-year varsity bowl-

er who averaged 169 in

the OAA and made the

all-league third team.

She made great strides

age was 108. Her high

game and series came

in the same match when

she bowled 222 and 437.

She qualified seventh at

the OAA singles tourna-

ment and took third place

at the Clarenceville Dou-

She is an OAA scholar ath-

lete and an academic all-

"Emily was the epito-

me of senior leadership,"

Horner said. "She pushed

herself tirelessly to

bles event. Mesner fin-

ished 15th in Region 3.

state bowler.

from her sophomore sea-

son when her tryout aver-

freshman, sophomore and

coach (Diane) St. Louis

like to bowl for School-

craft College.

said.

Markham posted a high

with a two-game series of

Lenard also rolled a 253

'Next year looks to be

real promising for her and

Rockets to the KLAA Cen-



Plymouth Turner N. Farm.





Tiffany Markham Wayne





**Emily** Mesner N. Farm.

improve her game from last year to this season. Her example at practice and her leadership as one of our captains was a large part of our success. We will miss her energy, enthusiasm and heart next season."

COACH OF THE YEAR Mike Horner, North Farmington: Horner, who started the bowling program at North Farmington eight years ago, guided the North girls to the school's most successful season. The Raiders were undefeated in dual matches and won the OAA

White Division champion-



Horner N. Farm.

also won the Division 1 regional at Drakeshire Lanes and qualified for the state tournament. It was the first time a North Farm-

ship. They

ington team (girls or boys) had won a tournament.

"There were no stars on that team and no superlative standout bowlers," Horner said. "They were a real blue-collar crew that saw their success as a result of hard work and focus. They were the kind of team a coach waits for his whole career. To have them receive some individual accolades is just well-deserved icing on a wonderful season.

"I have been fortunate to have not only a wonderful assistant in Bob Roberts, but also several volunteer coaches - Jake Roberts, Ron Turner and Paul Gross - who give unselfishly of their time. It's this additional coaching that allows us to give each athlete the individual attention necessary to improve her bowling. The kids and I have been blessed by this sharing of time and talent that has contributed so much to our success."

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### **Golf outing**

The fifth annual Canton Boys and Girls Basketball Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, June 3, at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A shotgun start will be at

Included in the \$100 registration fee are 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and a prizes raffle. Go to: www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at reddyj@slcs.us.

#### Metro-West Steelheaders

Lake St. Clair charter captain Don Miller will

be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, located at the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790; or e-mail www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

#### Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

· Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

 Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into

grades 10-12

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback.

· Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp, for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching

on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lanava of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at elanava@wowway.com or call her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters

#### Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also is home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa. com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@cantonmi.org.

#### AAU openings

The LaZers AAU Girls 16U Elite Basketball Club has openings for the spring / summer season. Varsity level players are sought for the team. Call Coach Z for information at (734) 286-1009 or e-mail him at zgodadominic@sbcglobal.net.

#### TRACK

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City Meet," Canton's Richardson said. "We won the City Meet last year, so we've had the traveling

trophy in our building. "It should be exciting, the kids are pumped because it's their friends

and neighbors.' Canton is hosting this year's meet, which begins with field events at 3 p.m. followed by running events at 4 p.m.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 72** LIVONIA CHURCHILL 65 April 17 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 11.5; 3. Jake Staff (LC), 42-1.5; discus: 1. Bartig (LC), 139-11; high jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (Canton), 6-4; long jump: 1. Dixon (Canton), 18-7; 2. Jahmon Maton (LC), 18-6; pole vault: 1. Jake Hage (LC), 12-3; 2. Alex Ryktrsyk (LC), 11-6; 110-meter hurdles: 1 Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 15.8; 2

Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16.4; 300 hurdles: 1. Shean Krolicki (Canton), 43.5; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 44.8; 100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), no time; 200: 1. Colby Morris (Canton), 22.9; 400: 1. Matt Schacht (Canton), 53.3; **800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 1:59.6; 3. George Bowles (LC), 2:09.1; **1,600:** 1. Miles Felton (Canton), 4:38.2; 2. Wise (LC), 4:41.5; 3. Ben Yates (LC), 4:44.1; **3,200**: 1. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:38.6; 2. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:39.7; **400 relay:** 1. Canton (Morris, Zach Smilo, Demetre Lopez, Jones), 45.5; 2. Churchill, 46.2; 800 relay: Canton (Morris, Smilo, An thony Tillman, Kenny Scott),

1:33.5; 2. Churchill, 1:35.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Wise, Robert Howard, Bowles, Zoltowski), 3:42.2; 2 Canton, 3:47.0; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Howard, Bowles, Yates, Wise), 8:29.2; 2. Canton,

Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

**PLYMOUTH 81 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56** April 17 at Plymouth Shot put: 1. Tony Vella (LF), 36 feet, 6 inches; w. William Harrington, 35-5.5; discus: 1. Harrington (P) 111-3; 2. Hattar (LF), 95-5; high jump: 1. Nathan Harris (P), 5-8; 2. John Kody, 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Jordean Bickham (LF), 19-7; pole vault: 1. Damon Currier (LF), 9-0; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Tom Brokaw (LF), 14.9; 2. Daniel Edger ton (P), 16.4; 300 hurdles: . Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 42.5; 3. Edgerton (P), 46.1; 100 dash: 1. William Askew II (P), 11.1; 3. Alex Rogers (P), 11.3; 200: 1. Askew II (P), 22.6; 2. Perelli (LF), 23.2; 400: 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 53.0; 2. Johnson (P), 55.2; 3. 53.0; 2. Johnson (P), Antwine (P), 55.6; 800: 1. Max Rogowski (P), 2:07.6; 2. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:08; 1,600: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:39.7; 2. Rogowski (P) 4:41; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:44; 3,200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 10:15.8; 2. B. Dalton (P), 10:22; 3. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:26; 400 relay: 1. Franklin, 44.9; 2. Plymouth, 46.9; **800** relay: 1. Franklin, 1:35.2; 2. Plymouth, 1:36.2; **1,600** relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew II, Bunting, Evan Johnson, Rogowski), 3:38.2; 2. Frank-lin, 3:45.9; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Nick Eiben, J. Dalton, Rogowski), 8:40.8; 2. Franklin, 8:48.3. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 1-1

overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the

ANDREJCIW,

Age 77 April 11, 2012. Beloved

wife of the late Russell. Dear

of Denise

Campbell, John, David (Marjie) and Marybeth (Dan) Bochel.

Grandmother of Jack Jr., Joseph,

Amber, Olivia and D.J. Sister of

Friday 12 noon until the 2:30pm

funeral service at the John N

Santeiu & Son Funeral Home,

1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City

(between Ford Rd. & Cherry

Hill). Family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association.

www.Santeiufuneralhome.com

DALE, RODNEY A.

APRIL 10, 2012

Beloved husband of Ruth. Dear

father of Rhonda and Gregory.

Dear brother of Catherine and

Frances. Also survived by 5

grandchildren and 1 great-grand-

child. Funeral Saturday, 3 p.m. at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home,

Arbor Trail). Family will receive

visitors Saturday, Noon-6 p.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with

the family at

Middlebelt Road (at Ann

Corrine Molinari.

(Jack)

Visitation

mother

April

Passages

**AUCTION** 

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21 Location: St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • oeobits@hometownlife.com

Deadlines: Friday 4:15 p.m. for Sunday • Wednesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

GORMAN,

MICHAEL LEYDEN

Age 68, April 15, 2012, of

friend, Alice Seward. Loving

father of Traci Vargas and Mike

(Ericka) Gorman. Proud grandfa-

ther of Dakota and Madisan. Dear

brother of Sharon (Roger) Baker,

Tim (Judy) Gorman and Patricia

Hall. Visitation Fri., 2-9 PM at

Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N.

Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford &

Cherry Hill), Westland. In state

Sat., 9 AM until 9:30, Funeral

Mass at St. Richard Catholic

Church 35637 Cherry Hill Rd. (btwn Newburgh & Wayne),

Westland. Interment Glen Eden

Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to The Capuchins.

To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

HANRAHAN,

ISABELLE M.

Survived by his girl-

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, April 19, 2012

Avenue, Wayne

Details: St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet,

MORRISON,

DAVID ALLEN

"TURK"

of Carolyn A. Morrison; loving

father of Mary (Brian) Heick,

Fowlerville, Brian (Mary Beth) Morrison, Fenton; beloved Papa

and G Pa to Brandon "Bubba

Ashley, Tyler, Adam "Pud" and

one on the way; three brothers,

Robert Morrison, Jr., Brighton, Jerry Morrison, Whitmore Lake,

William Morrison, TX; sister,

Mary Kinnear; mother-in-law

Mary Faye; many nieces and

nephews. Born January 14, 1951 in Detroit, son to Robert and

Margaret (Haugh) Morrison. He

was a veteran of the U.S. Army

and retired from Ford Motor Company in 2006 after 37 years. Services 1 PM Tuesday, April 17,

1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton

Visitation 2-9 PM Monday and

12-1 PM Tuesday. Contributions

www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

STIGLICH,

RUTH

Dear sister of Wayman (Peggy)

Rossman and Albert Rossman

Ruth was an expert seamstress

she enjoyed playing golf, garden-ing, playing bridge with he

friends, dancing, snow sking and

especially spending time with her

family, Throughout her life Ruth

was a devoted caregiver to many

close family members in their own

time of need. A funeral service

will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 12:00pm from the

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

Visitation will begin at 10:00am

until time of service. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

South Main, Plymouth

to Wounded Warrior Project.

at Sharp Funeral Homes

Age 61, formerly of Westland, died April 13,

2012. Beloved husband

dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must Contact: auction@stmarywayne.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 20 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775

Palmer, Westland Details: Walk-ins are welcome

Contact: (734) 722-1735 CELEBRATING FAMILY

Time/Date: After all Masses, April 28-29

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** View large LEGO displays and browse a Catholic bookstore display during this free event titled Celebrating Families: **Building Blocks of Society** Contact: (734) 425-5950

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Location: Canton Christian

Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Can-

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.,m. Saturday, April 28 Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farming-

ton Road, Livonia

Details: A choral celebration of love and springtime featuring motets, madrigals, sacred choral classics, and love songs. Donations accepted at the door

Contact: (248) 349-8175 CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday,

Location: St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham

Details: The St. James Choir, soloists and Michigan Sinfonietta present Part One of Bach's "Mass in B Minor." Freewill offering.

Contact: (248) 644-0820

**GRIEF SUPPORT** 

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. April, 23,30, May 7 and 9

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will pres ent "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.good-

mourningministry.net or call the church. The series began April 16

Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgcparish.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday,

Location: In the community room of the Prentis Apartments located on 10

Mile, east of Greenfield

Road in Oak Park Details: The group will lead a community-wide needlecraft workshop teaching the techniques of cross stitch, needlepoint and huck embroidery. \$5

materials fee Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

**PARENTING SERIES** 

Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays through May 23

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5. The series began April

Contact: (248) 348-7600 PARENTING STRATE-GIES

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: Canton Christian

Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: "Spring into Summer: Strategies for Keeping Your Child on Track this Summer" is a workshop designed to help parents create engaging activities for their children during the summer. They'll learn about reading activities, everyday math, summer camps and free fun trips. The workshop will include suggestions for kids of all ages with plenty of time for questions and answers Contact: RSVP by April 18 by calling (734) 404-2480 or e-mail to info@cantoncf.

RETREAT

Time/Date: April 20-21 Location: Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway,

**Details:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church presents a women's retreat. Guest speaker is Suann Dibble. Cost is \$85 per person Contact: Barb Karowich

at (734) 480-1644 or visit www.christoursavior.org

**RUMMAGE SALE** 

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 28

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty, in Livonia Details: \$2 bag sale on

Saturday

Contact: (734) 464.0211 RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Donations of slightly used but-still-ingood-condition items are being accepted and can be dropped off 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. No admission for the sale and all profits will benefit the adult day ministry and other ministries within the church

Contact: (734) 464-0990

**RUMMAGE SALE** 

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden

Details: Gently-used items

at bargain prices Contact: (734) 427-3660

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 20 and 9 a.m.noon, Saturday, April 21 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near

12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills Details: The Women's League's sale includes a \$3 bag sale and a \$6 bag sale on Saturday. In addition to clothing and baked goods, sale items will include small appliances, furniture, books, linens, bedding, dishes and other

jewelry Contact: (248) 553-3380 VIRTUAL DEMENTIA

TOUR

household goods, toys and

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Location: Riverside Park Church of God & Adult

Day Ministry, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Audra Fyre, mar-

keting director of Arden Courts of Livonia presents the tour, which is an effective way to put yourself in the shoes of a person suffering with dementia. No charge, although donations may be made to Adult Day Ministry. RSVP by April 13

Contact: (734) 855-4056

## in Family and Friends

## (nee O'Donnell)

Age 95 April 15, 2012 of Farmington Hills, Formerly of Center Line, Mi. and Bayonne N.J. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Caring mother of Patricia (Richard) Rathburn, Lois (late Ken) Saxe, Ann Calvo and John (Susan). Grandmother of Megan, Matthew, Isabela, Brendan, Patrick, James and Kealani. Visitation Thursday April 19 2-8 PM with 6 PM. Rosary at Rudy Funeral Home 25650 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI. Instate Friday 9:30 AM at St Clement Catholic Church 25320 Van Dyke, Center Line for a 10 AM Mass. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation appreciated.

Age 91 of Plymouth, passed away April 13, 2012. Born in Litchfield, Michigan to parents Rex and Mabel Rossman. Beloved wife of 67 years to Martin J Loving mother of Martin R (Catherine) Stiglich, Ralph E Stiglich and Ronald F. (Lynn) Stiglich. Proud grandmother of Larissa and Seth Michael Stiglich.

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Karen Marzolf at 313-222-2214 or e-mail: kmarzolf@hometownlife.com

## Hard rock venue adds country show

By Sharon Dargay **D&E Staff Writer** 

Jenrifer Westwood is looking forward to her first sig at The Token Lounge in Westland.

She'll be among a handful of local musician: Saturday, April 21, who will bring a bit of courtry into the venue known mostly for rock andheavy metal.

'Ive only been there twice, checking out friends' bands," said Westwood, adding that she's billed as a "country rock" artist. "It's been a while since I've played or the west side.

When the show promoter asked Westwood if she'd mind sharing the evening with other bands, the singer said the notion "sealed the

deal.' Country, Rhythm & Blues" will feature country rockers Two Tone Tobacco, Pat V and The Detroit Three and The Hillneck Redbillies, in addition to Westwood. Rikki Roxx, Internet radio personality, will emcee. Doors open at 8 p.m.. Tictets are \$8 in advanceor \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at https://www. brownpapertickets. com/event/224989. The Token Lounge is located at 28949 Joy Road; (734) 513-5030.

#### **Facelift**

Theaddition of country, bues and other musical genres is part of a long-term revamp project at The Token Louige. Owner John Anon also has made changes in its decor,



Jennifer Westwood will perform country rock Saturday, April 21 at The Token Lounge in Westland.

John Anton, owner of The Token Lounge, has begun to revamp decor and expand the musical offerings at his West-

> including new paint and flat screen televisions.

"The fact that The Token is being redone is really exciting," said Westwood, a St. Clair Shores resident who is formerly from Livonia. "Venues are struggling. This shows vision on his (Anton) part.

'I think this show will be great. We'll all bring our own crowds," she said, referring to each band's fan following. "As time progresses they'll draw new patrons.'

Westwood has performed throughout Metro Detroit - On her own

Five years ago she began working on her own projects, bringing her gospel roots to rock and roll and recruiting musicians for a band. Most of the performers she knew played jazz and rhythm and blues, so she placed a notice on Craiglist.

'At first it's hard to find anyone willing to play for you if you're unknown. But over time it gets easier. Now I'm surrounded by the best talent in Detroit. I sing with my band - they're all seasoned musicians - and I also do acoustic shows with Jackson Smith and Dillan Dun-

Westwood is getting ready to launch a new app, developed by a local company, that will bear her name and feature music and entertainment news. She hopes it will be ready by Saturday.

Earlier this week she also received a call from Sponge frontman Vinnie Dombroski.

including at Ford Field

sang back up for

Carlton, voiced award-

winning commercials

and released a CD with

her original work. She

also sings lead vocals

with The Blue Collar

Westwood began

her singing career in

"I went to churches in

Detroit and Livonia and

Arbor. I've experienced

every type of gospel. I

gravitate toward blue-

sy gospel. I auditioned

I was 13 or 14.'

for a church choir when

way out towards Ann

Boys.

church.

Motown artist Carl

"He just contacted me and asked if I could come in and record," said an excited Westwood. "That's what I mean about going from scrounging and then getting someone to believe in your vision, to all of a sudden getting to play with the best."

Look for Westwood to sing at least one new song at Country, Rhythm & Brews. Her website is jenniferwestwood.com.

Visit The Token Lounge's website at www.thetokenlounge.

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#### Art

#### **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sun-

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, perfor-

mances, free with admission Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 29; Once Upon a Time: Prints and Drawings that Tell Stories, through May 13; Plant (3D), a three-dimensional inves-

tigation of the abandoned

Packard auto plant in Detroit, runs through April 29 Contact: (313) 833-7900,

#### **FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION**

www.dia.org

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday,

Location: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600

11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Spring exhibit and sale; free admission

Family Day: Held in conjunction with the Foundation's exhibit and the community's annual Festival of the Arts, "Family Day" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21 at the Costick Center will include fun for all ages including artist demonstrations, creative hands-on activities for children, and a wide range of entertainment

Contact: (248) 473-1800

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through April

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor

Women Artists Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@ northvillearts.org

STARRING "THE GAL-LERY"

Time/Date: Exhibit runs

#### **GET OUT!**

through April Location: 118 W. Main, in Northville

Details: "Titanic: A Century To Remember" features photos by Philip Dattilo of Plymouth. The photographs depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life

Contact: (248) 347-1642; www.starringthegallery.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHI-GAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

Contact: (734) 764-0395

#### Benefit

#### **JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday,

Location: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Gary Schunk Trio performs at this benefit for the Michigan Jazz Festival. Tickets are \$15. Send a check payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022

Contact: Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720

#### TRINITY HOUSE THE-

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 20

Location: 34500 Six Mile,

Details: Featured performers include Jill Jack and Mark lannace, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal, Bill Bynum and Mary Seelhorst and The Potter's Field. All proceeds benefit Trinity House Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for subscribers. All proceeds benefit Trinity **House Theatre** 

Contact: (734) 464-6302 or e-mail tickets@trinityhouse.

ENTERTAINMENT

#### Comedy

#### GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575: gocomedy.net

#### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

#### JOEY'S COMEDY **CLUB OF LIVONIA**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28; Vince Morris, May 2-5

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

#### **MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**

Time/Date: Paul Mercurio, April 19-21; John Caparulo, April 26-28; Kevin Mcpeek, May 3; Norm Macdonald, May 4-5; Kathleen Madigan, May 10-12

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

#### Dance

#### BALLET

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit Details: Complexions Contemporary Ballet dances to pop, jazz, gospel and blues music. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50, available at the music hall box office or at www.ticketmaster.com Contact: (313) 887-8500

#### **CONTRA DANCE**

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

**Details:** Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds

benefitting a charity Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

#### **FAIRLANE BALLROOM** DANCE CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Details: Singles an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500



This landscape photo is among the photos designed to inspire entries into the "Short on Words" competition.

## Photos inspire writing contest entries

The search is on for authors with a

"Short on Words," a poetry and short story contest held in conjunction with Northville's 2012 Arts & Acts Festival, offers three photos to inspire entrants.

Poems and stories submitted to the contest must relate to one of the photos. Entries should be no longer than 1,500 words and must be postmarked no later than May 4. The cash award for this year's first place contest winner is \$150; second place is \$100; third place is \$50. There will be additional prize recognition awarded at the discretion of the judges. The panel of judges includes Northville city council member and published author Michelle Fecht and Ellen Demray, principal of Grandview Elementary School in Livonia. Preservation Dental isthe contest sponsor. Criteria and complete information packets are available at Preservation Dental, 371 E. Mair, at Griswold, Northville; at preservationdental. com; and at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. Or call (248) 344-0497.

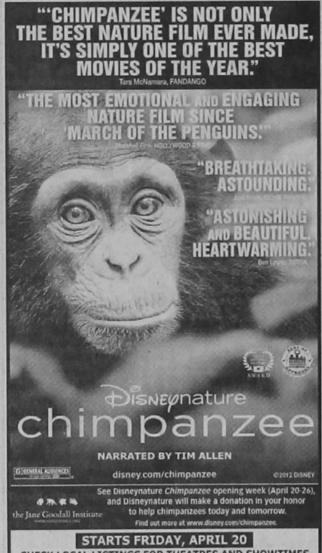


Writers may draw inspiration from this photo for a poetry and short story contest in Northville.



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## Yummy without wheat

**By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer** 

Mary Guerriero remembers buying her first loaf of gluten-free bread over Internet several years ago, at a time when most grocery stores didn't routinely stock such products.

"It was \$9," recalled Guerriero, who has eaten a gluten-free diet for 21 years. "I got so tired of buying (gluten-free) things - and they were so bad — and throwing them out. I tried throwing the bread to the birds and they wouldn't eat it because if they did, they'd probably never fly again. "Things have improved

so greatly since then.' Guerriero, who will chair the Tri-County Celiac Support Group's (TCC- SG) annual gluten-free food fair Saturday, April 21 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, says she believes the organization has played a major role in compelling local grocers to stock more gluten-free products and manufacturers to make better-tasting foods. She initiated the group's food fair 11 years

"I started out by sending 17 vendors letters saying if they think their product is that good, then let us try it. I want our members to be able to try something before they spend their hard-earned dollars on it," she said. "I wanted accountability on the vendors' part. The vendors stepped up to the plate. They've really improved their products.



"Jim Hiller (of Hiller's Market) stepped up to the plate seven years ago. He's been such a benefit to us. I can't praise him enough. Meijers has stepped on the bandwagon, and so has Krogers.

Two dozen vendors will be on hand from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, located at 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Five additional vendors will send samples. Admission is free for organization members

and \$10 for non-members. Raffles for baskets filled with gluten-free products, as well as gift certificates, will be held every hour from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. TCCSG was formed in

1991 by a trio of patients with celiac disease, with encouragement from Dr. Thomas Alexander, of Gastrointestinal Specialists in Troy. He's the physician advisor for the group, which became a nonprofit charitable agency in 2001

Individuals with celiac disease must follow a strict, lifelong glutenfree diet. They avoid eating wheat, barley, and rye because the grains trigger an autoimune reaction that damages the small intestinal lining.

Complications from the disease - if left untreated - can include inability to absorb nutrients, anemia, neurological disorders, cancers, and a risk of developing other autoimmune diseases such as diabetes, thyroid diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

TCCSG raises money for celiac disease research through its annual 5K walk/run, Making Tracks for Celiacs, planned for May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Both the food fair and walk/run are open to the public.

"We have so many products on the shelf. It's amazing the things people are trying to do gluten free," said Guerriero, adding that pierogies and falafels will be among some of the new products offered at the food fair this year. "There are so many different things out there." Join the Tri-County Celiac Support group for \$30 for one year or \$65 for three years. Membership includes free admission to the annual food fair, a support network, meetings with guest speakers, newsletters, gluten-free events such as a holiday cookie exchange and pie-making contest,

Visit the organization's website at www. tccsg.org. Here's a sampling of recipes from its gluten-free recipe

newsletters and a reci-

pe book.

#### Chicken and Sweet Potato Chili

- 1 to 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 cup chopped onion % pound boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 3 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 14½-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes, undrained
- 1 16-ounce can kidney beans

¿ cup chipotle salsa Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan. Add enough water to cover sweet potatoes. Bring to

a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, simmer 5 minutes or until almost tender. Drain mixture with colander into dry saucepan. Add oil to same saucepan. Add onion, cook over medium heat 5 minutes.

Add chicken, garlic and chili powder to same saucepan and cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes with their juices, beans, salsa and partially cooked sweet potatoes. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat, simmer uncovered 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

#### Gluten-free Cheesy Potatoes

- 1 package (32 ounces) Ore-Ida Southern Style Hash Browns
- & can of gluten-free chicken broth
- & cup gluten-free Bisquick or cornstarch
- 1 8-ounce sour cream
- 1 sweet onion, diced 1 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
- & teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper or to taste
- & stick butter
- 3 cups gluten-free corn flakes, slightly crushed

In a large mixing bowl combine chicken broth and enough Bisquick together to make a broth thick like soup. Add in sour cream, onions and cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add hash browns. Stir well. Spoon into 9- by 13-inch, slightly-greased baking dish. Mix together butter and crushed corn flakes. Spread evenly over potatoes and bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

#### Apple Crisp

Makes 8 servings

- Filling: 6 large apples, skinned and sliced thin
- & cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- teaspoon nutmeg ¼ cup cornstarch
- Topping: 1 cup crushed Schar shortbread cookies
- & teaspoon cinnamon
- & cup butter or buttery spread (such as Earth Balance)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch baking dish. Prepare apples. Wash, skin, remove core, cut into thin slices. Place in large bowl. Combine cornstarch, spices and sugar. Add to apples and mix well. Place into baking dish.

Make the topping: Crush cookies and add cinnamon. Mix butter with sugar and combine with cookies. Mix until it resembles a coarse meal. Place topping mixture on top of apples. Bake for 40 minutes or until apples bubble.

Vendors offer samples of gluten-free products at a previous Tri-County Celiac Support Group food fair.

#### **Healthy Baked Ziti**

Makes 4 servings

- 1 box Schar fussili
- 1 cup chopped spinach, (frozen, thawed and drained well or fresh and
- just cooked until wilted)
  - 1½ cup low-fat ricotta cheese 1 large egg
- & cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Oregano, thyme, salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella

2 cups tomato sauce Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2-quart baking dish. Bring 2 quarts water to boil. Add pasta and cook until just tender, according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cool water. Set aside to finish draining. Mix together spinach, ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, half of the mozzarella cheese, egg and spices until well blended. Add pasta and mix well. Pour half of the tomato sauce in the bottom of the baking dish. Be sure to spoon the sauce onto the sides of the dish. Put the pasta mixture in the baking dish. Cover with remaining sauce and with remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake for 40 minutes. Serve

#### Gluten Free Chocolate Cake

- 1% cup of gluten-free flour (2 parts white rice flour, % parts potato starch
- flour, 1/2 part tapioca flour)
- & teaspoon Xanthum gum 2 cups sugar
- % cup cocoa
- 1½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk (optional add 1 teaspoon rice vinegar or cider vinegar to
- sour)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup boiling water (optional use black coffee instead for stronger

flavor) Combine dry ingredients in large bowl and mix. Beat eggs well, add milk and oil. Mix together dry and wet ingredients. The batter will be thin. Pour into greased and floured 13-inch by 9-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

#### **Zucchini-Pineapple Bread**

- 2 cups sugar

1 cup oil

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- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt & teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

2 cups grated zucchini

1 cup chopped nuts 1 small can crushed pineapple in its juice

3 cups gluten-free flour

to 1 cup raisins

Grease 2 loaf pans. Sift all dry ingredients except sugar together and set aside. Beat eggs until light and then gradually add sugar. Add oil, vanilla

and pineapple and mix well. Add dry ingredients and blend together. Fold in zucchini, nuts and raisins. Bake in 2 bread loaf pans at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Can use dates, cranberries or other died fruit in place of rai-

#### Passionate for pork tenderloin: Delicious and heart-healthy

Tender and delicious pork tenderloin now has an additional benefit - it has been deemed hearthealthy. Recently certified by the American Heart Association, pork tenderloin now bears the iconic Heart-Check mark, making it easier than ever to spot this extra lean protein when navigating grocery aisles.

Maintaining a healthy diet is an important part of cardiovascular health and eating heart-healthy foods may help reduce risk factors associated with heart disease, stroke and more. Naturally low in sodium and delicious, pork tenderloin is a flavorful solution for those who want to take care of their heart without neglecting their taste buds.

- Nutritious: Pork packs nutrients in every lean serving. A 3-ounce portion of pork tenderloin is an "excellent" source of protein, thiamin, vitamin B6, phosphorous and niacin, and a "good" source of potassium, riboflavin and zinc, yet contributes only 6 percent of calories to a 2,000-calorie diet.
- Leaner than ever: On average, the most common cuts of pork have 16 percent less total fat and 27 percent less saturated fat than 21 years ago. Ounce for ounce, pork tenderloin is as lean as a skinless chicken breast. Choose cuts of pork that come from the loin, including chops and roasts, and 96 percent lean ground pork, for the leanest cuts of pork available.
- If you're looking to incorporate more hearthealthy foods into your diet without sacrificing flavor, rest assured tenderloin recipes, like Sautéed Pork Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce, will do the trick. For more informa-

tion and recipes to enjoy today's lean and flavorful pork, visit http://www. PorkBeinspired.com or www.Facebook.com/Pork-Beinspired.

#### Sautéed Pork Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes Makes 4 servings

1 pork tenderloin (1 pound), trimmed 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided

1/4 teaspoon plus 1/8 teaspoon black pepper, divided 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided 2 doves garlic, minced 1/2 cup dry white wine (for non-alco-

1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth Grated zest and 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon

holic, substitute low-sodium chicken

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage or rosemary

Cut pork into 12 slices, about 1-inch thick. Sprinkle pork on all sides with 1/8 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. Heat 1 teaspoon of the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and cook, turning once, until the pork is well browned and internal temperature reaches 145°F, about 1

1/2 minutes on each side. Transfer pork to serving platter and cover to keep warm.

Add the remaining 1 teaspoon oil to skillet. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the wine and broth. Increase heat to high and cook, stirring to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet, until the liquid is reduced by two thirds, about 5 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt, remaining 1/8 teaspoon pepper, the lemon zest and juice, and the parsley. Serve the pork medallions drizzled with the sauce (makes a

generous 1/3 cup; about 1 1/2 tablespoons per serving)

Tip: To substitute fresh herbs with dried herbs, use 1 1/2 teaspoons dried parsley or 3/4 teaspoon dried sage, or 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary

Serving Suggestion: Serve the pork with whole wheat linguine or brown jasmine rice to soak up all the delicious lemon sauce. Steamed broccoli rabe or spinach would make a terrific

accompaniment. Nutritional Information per Serving: 150 calories; 5g fat; 1g saturated fat; 75 mg cholesterol; 220mg sodium; 1 g carbohydrates; 24g protein; 0g fiber

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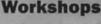
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## Young professional honored by magazine designation

By Julie Brown **O&E Staff Writer** 

Ken Pozek, 26, of Northville Township was pleased to be recognized by Realtor magazine as a finalist for "30 Under 30" honors

The annual designation of the National Association of Realtors publication recognizes those up and coming in the field. Realtor Pozek is a salesperson for Keller Williams Northville Market Center in Novi and can be reached at www.kenpozek.com.

He began in real estate investing out of high school, and has been in sales full time the last six years. Pozek, who's married to Holly and dad to kids ages 3 years and 5 months, earned an associate's degree in business administration from Henry Ford Community Col-

"We're staying busy and tired," he said with a chuckle of his young family.

Pozek got into sales as the market dropped and investing wasn't smart. "I got into that full time and haven't looked back," he said. "I absolutely love it.

He's been with Keller Williams Northville Market Center three years.

"I meet people from diverse backgrounds and I get to see beautiful homes," Pozek said. "Every day is different. It's something I look forward to every day.

Down the road, he'd also like to do sales training in his field. Pozek holds Luxury Marketing Specialist and Certified Distressed Property Expert designations.

He agreed the real estate market is improving the last three or four months, with homes often listed on Friday and sold by Monday. "The market's starting to really heat up," Pozek said.

"I specialize more or less in a geographical area" including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon.

He's an aspiring pilot in his free time, and also enjoys being with their children and volunteering at church, Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

A total of 50 finalists were chosen by the magazine. This year's "30 Under 30" honorees will be announced Wednesday,

The 30 honorees will be featured in the May/June issue.

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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
44237 Cherbourg St	\$159,000
432 Cornell St	\$190,000
7441 Derby St	\$113,000
44200 Duchess Dr	\$106,000
2011 E Franklin Dr	\$43,000
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50161 Grant St	\$250,000
7400 Hillsboro Dr	\$145,000

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43280 Keystone Ln	\$185,000
1687 Mclaine St	\$335,000
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327 Patriot St	\$115,000
6628 Paul Revere Ln	\$174,000

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15531 Lexington
27225 Lyndon
18710 Macarthur
9609 Tecumseh
9979 Virgil
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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 27-30, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31470 Evergreen Rd	\$465,000
BIRMINGHAM	
967 Ann St	\$185,000
583 Mohegan St	\$875,000
808 Ruffner Ave	\$305,000
522 Wallace St	\$845,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
451 Fox Hills Dr S # 6	\$35,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSH</b>	
4830 Ardmore Dr	\$335,000
5861 Blandford Ct	\$170,000
5030 Brookdale Rd	\$1,265,000
1046 Eastover Dr	\$225,000

4944 Malibu Dr
4118 Nearbrook Rd
5181 Nob Hill Ct
4111 Waterwheel Ln
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
4740 Birkdale Dr
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20929 Laurelwood St
23079 Violet St
28735 W 10 Mile Rd
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28905 Creek Bend Dr
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\$333,000	28725 W 10 Mile Rd	\$30,000
\$490,000 \$330,000	21820 Waldron St FRANKLIN	\$110,000
\$325,000	27380 Willowgreen Ct Lathrup Village	\$290,000
\$249,000 \$60,000	28521 Sunset Blvd W MILFORD	\$55,000
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\$250,000	50624 Billenca Dr	\$521,000
\$205,000	41995 Borchart Dr	\$369,000
\$225,000	50814 Calvert Isle Dr	\$585,000
\$185,000	27505 Cromwell Rd	\$254,000
\$215,000	25736 Glamorgan	\$130,000
\$133,000	30836 Palmer Dr	\$160,000

24357 Woodham Rd SOUTH LYON	\$299,000
25500 Belladonna	\$344,000
25726 Coach Ln	\$283,000
25883 Cobblers Ln	\$280,000
20946 Greenbriar Cir	\$235,000
21220 Laser Ln	\$270,000
261 Lyon Blvd	\$112,000
456 Orchard Rdg	\$60,000
23761 Prescott Ln W SOUTHFIELD	\$61,000
23348 Cornerstone Villa \$37.000	age Dr
17221 Madison St	\$155,000
21147 Mahon Dr WHITE LAKE	\$132,000
8705 Cooley Beach Dr	\$245,000
8180 Highland Rd	\$113,000
44 S Hulbert St	\$104,000
8323 Vanden Dr	\$89,000

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#### Short Sale Seminar: Is It for Me?

Come with your questions to a Free Seminar and learn about what a short sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a professional resource panel. Buyers looking to learn about short sales also welcome. Wednesday, April 25, at Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile. Call Sheila Roma, (248) 760-6785, or Debbi McLaughlin, (248) 561-0077, by Friday, April 20, to reserve a spot.

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#### Real Estate Career Seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, April 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100,

Plymouth. For more information, contact: Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@

#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

#### **Free Foreclosure Tours**

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@ addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

#### Top buildings

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit announced two local winners in the 2011-2012 "The

Regional Outstanding Building

of the Year Awards (TOBY). The

winners include: One Kennedy Square and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, both located in Detroit.

21675 Sunflower Rd

24014 Woodham

In the first round of the TOBY Awards, at the local level, One Kennedy Square in Detroit took first place in the 100,000- to 249,999-square-foot category as Building of the Year and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center also in Detroit was named first in the Government Building category. The buildings went on to win in the same categories at the North Central regional level competing against entries from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 27th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building

ownership and management.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building. "TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA of Metro Detroit.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in Seattle, Wash., in June 2012.

## Liability limited in slip/fall

By Robert Meisner

Q: Recently a pedestrian slipped and fell on black ice on a public sidewalk that abutted our condominium. The condominium snowplowing company had cleaned the snow on the day of the snowfall and had inspected the premises the next day, but not the day when the pedestrian fell. The pedestrian is suing the association and the snowplowing contract company. Do you think they have any liability?

A: While each state is different, a recent New Jersey case held that even though a town ordinance required all owners to clear snow and ice from an abutting sidewalk within



Robert Meisner

six hours after every snowfall or formation of ice, the pedestrian in that case lacked standing to sue

because such ordinances are not enacted for the benefit of

individual members of the public, but rather to impose on those regulated the burdens of the government. The court further said that although common law property owners had no duty to clear the snow or ice from a public sidewalk abutting their land, this rule was modified 30 years earlier to impose liability on commercial property owners for injuries on the sidewalks abutting their properties caused by their negligent failure to maintain the sidewalks in a reasonably good condition. The court went on to say that whether a property is commercial or residential, you must focus on the nature of the use of the property and not the nature of the ownership. In the case at hand, the court ruled that the condominium's use was residential - only residents could be members of the association. The deeds expressly restricted use as private residences and there was no retail space and no provision for any goods to the public. The court, in effect, declined to extend the duty to residential owners and the court stressed the importance of the doctrine of stare decisis for predictability and reliance and any departure from the well settled rule would require special justification.

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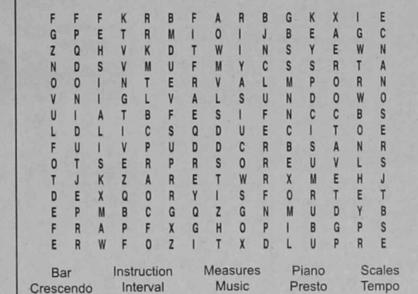
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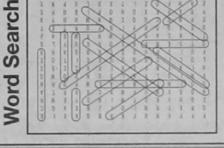


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